

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Miller, Salem, Freeman, Howland, White and Clark-Murray:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-816-A**

6 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE STUDENTS FROM THE
7 I'M A STAR FOUNDATION FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO
8 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND THEIR EXEMPLARY
9 REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C.; PROVIDING AN
10 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, established in 2010, the I'm A Star Foundation ("I'm
13 A Star") offers service-learning programs for smart, talented and
14 resilient youth between the ages of 12 to 18 years old, guiding the
15 next generation of servant leaders to create solutions to improve our
16 communities; and

17 **WHEREAS**, last month, twenty-five I'm A Star students were asked
18 to speak in Washington, D.C. at the White House, to share their body
19 of work on black youth, mental health and youth suicide, and to
20 contemplate solutions to those issues; leaders in the White House and
21 the Department of Health and Human Services were so impressed, the
22 students may be invited back to assist further at the national level;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, the I'm A Star students provided assistance with a
25 National Public Service Announcement on youth suicide, encouraging
26 those in distress to reach out to the new 9-8-8 suicide hotline,
27 doing the voiceovers in the advertisement, and sharing their own
28 lived experiences; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the I'm A Star students also created a Public Service
30 Announcement for the National Transportation Safety Board to promote
31 safe driving; and

1 **WHEREAS,** former Duval County School Board Chair, the Honorable
2 Betty Seabrook Burney, has expanded her level of service as the
3 Executive Director of I'm A Star Foundation in Duval County, giving
4 selflessly to students throughout our community regardless of
5 background or affiliation, and continues to recruit and train new
6 generations of students to inspire others to be the best version of
7 themselves; now therefore

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

9 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby commends the students of
10 the I'm A Star Foundation for their public service and for
11 impressively representing Duval County in Washington, D.C. and
12 extends their appreciation to the I'm A Star Foundation for giving
13 students the opportunity for such a life changing trip and the support
14 they need to succeed. The I'm A Star Foundation students deserve
15 recognition and praise for their emerging leadership and their
16 endeavors to increase mental health awareness and to decrease the
17 social stigma related to asking for help.

18 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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