

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Salem, Johnson, Pittman,
2 Gaffney, Jr. and Miller and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Freeman
3 and Amaro:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2024-813-A**

7 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF
8 LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL, REAFFIRMING THE CITY
9 COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS,
10 AND RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 24, 2024, AS LIGHTS ON
11 AFTERSCHOOL DAY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS,** Lights on Afterschool, launched in October 2000 by
14 the Afterschool Alliance, is a nationwide event celebrating the
15 critical role afterschool programs play in the lives of children,
16 families, and communities; and

17 **WHEREAS,** afterschool programs help children and youth develop
18 new skills, provide academic support, build healthy relationships,
19 and keep kids safe during the hours when they are most at risk; and

20 **WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville is committed to supporting
21 and expanding access to quality afterschool programs that enhance the
22 well-being and academic success of young people; and

23 **WHEREAS,** the City of Jacksonville proudly joins its many
24 philanthropic and corporate partners throughout Northeast Florida in
25 supporting Lights on Afterschool, working together to ensure the
26 continued success and growth of afterschool programs in our region;
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28 **WHEREAS,** Lights on Afterschool is celebrating its 25th
29 anniversary this year, demonstrating the lasting positive impact the
30 Afterschool Alliance has on the future success of students and
31 afterschool advocacy; and

1 **WHEREAS,** the Jacksonville City Council recognizes the vital
2 role afterschool programs play in reducing juvenile crime, supporting
3 working families, and promoting social and emotional development; and

4 **WHEREAS,** October 24, 2024, will be recognized as Lights on
5 Afterschool Day in the City of Jacksonville, in celebration of this
6 important initiative and the programs that help shape the future of
7 our community's children; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby celebrates the 25th
10 anniversary of Lights on Afterschool, commends the efforts of
11 afterschool programs in Jacksonville, reaffirms its commitment to
12 ensuring that all children have access to safe, high-quality
13 afterschool opportunities, and recognizes October 24, 2024, as Lights
14 on Afterschool Day in the City of Jacksonville.

15 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
16 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
17 without the Mayor's signature.

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19 Form Approved:

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21 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

22 Office of General Counsel

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