

1 Introduced by Council Members Carrico, Lahnen, Johnson, Howland,
2 Miller, White, Diamond, Freeman, Amaro, J. Carlucci, Salem, Gay and
3 Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Boylan, Gaffney, Jr.,
4 Carlucci, Arias, Peluso and Clark-Murray:
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7 **RESOLUTION 2024-963-A**

8 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING SUSAN
9 "SUSIE" SUMMERALL WILES ON BEING NAMED THE FIRST
10 FEMALE WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF IN AMERICAN
11 HISTORY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS,** Susan "Susie" Summerall Wiles, the daughter of former
14 NFL player and sports broadcaster Pat Summerall, graduated from
15 Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest, New Jersey and earned her
16 bachelor's degree in English from the University of Maryland; and

17 **WHEREAS,** following her graduation, Ms. Wiles began a long and
18 very successful career in political campaigning and governance as an
19 assistant to Representative Jack Kemp of New York in 1979, then as a
20 scheduler in Ronald Reagan's successful presidential campaign of
21 1980, after which she worked in the President's administration and
22 on his 1984 campaign for re-election; and

23 **WHEREAS,** in the 1990s Susie Wiles relocated to Northeast
24 Florida and entered local politics where she served as Chief of Staff
25 to Mayor John Delaney, Jacksonville's first Republican mayor elected
26 in modern times, and as the District Director for U.S. Representative
27 Tillie Fowler; and

28 **WHEREAS,** Wiles subsequently managed the campaign leading to
29 the surprising gubernatorial victory of Rick Scott in 2010 and the
30 2011 presidential campaign of former Utah Governor Jon Huntsman before
31 opening a lobbying and consulting firm; and

1 **WHEREAS,** Wiles returned to City Hall as the Chief of
2 Communications and Special Initiatives for Mayor John Peyton; and she
3 returned again to City Hall as a campaign strategist and advisor
4 during Lenny Curry's successful run for mayor, following which she
5 was a policy director for the Mayor Curry transition team; and

6 **WHEREAS,** during her years as an advisor to and member of
7 several mayoral administrations, Wiles was deeply involved in some
8 of the most momentous public policy decisions and campaigns in
9 Jacksonville's history, including the Better Jacksonville Plan, the
10 Jacksonville Journey, the River Accord, and the sales tax referendum
11 for pension liability funding; and

12 **WHEREAS,** after successfully managing former President Donald
13 Trump's campaign for a return to the White House, Susie has been
14 named the first female White House Chief of Staff, thereby cementing
15 her place in American history; now therefore

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

17 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
18 Susan "Susie" Summerall Wiles on her long history of significant
19 contributions to politics and governance in Jacksonville, the State
20 of Florida and the United States, and extends its congratulations to
21 her upon the unique accomplishment of being named the first female
22 White House Chief of Staff in American history.

23 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
25 without the Mayor's signature.

26 Form Approved:

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28 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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