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1 Introduced by Council Member Diamond and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Hazouri, Ferraro, Cumber, Pittman, Carlucci, Newby, R.
3 Gaffney, White, Morgan, Priestly Jackson, Bowman, Salem and Dennis
4 and amended on the Floor of Council:
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7 **ORDINANCE 2019-701-E**

8 AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$70,000 FROM THE
9 GENERAL FUND/GENERAL SERVICES DISTRICT FUND
10 BALANCE TO THE FIRE WATCH - NORTHEAST FLORIDA
11 VETERANS' SUICIDE PREVENTION AGENCY FUND TO FUND
12 VETERANS' SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND
13 ACTIVITIES; PURPOSE; AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, AND
14 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, AND
15 CORPORATION SECRETARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THAT
16 CERTAIN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING VETERANS'
17 SUICIDE PREVENTION BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF
18 JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL COUNTY ("CITY"), AND THE
19 COUNTIES OF BAKER, CLAY, NASSAU, AND ST. JOHNS,
20 WHICH INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ESTABLISHES THE
21 NORTHEAST FLORIDA FIRE WATCH COUNCIL; CREATING A
22 NEW SECTION 111.260 (THE FIRE WATCH - NORTHEAST
23 FLORIDA VETERANS' SUICIDE PREVENTION AGENCY FUND),
24 CHAPTER 111 (SPECIAL REVENUE AND TRUST ACCOUNTS),
25 PART 2 (HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES), *ORDINANCE*
26 *CODE*; PROVIDING FOR COUNCIL MEMBER LIAISON;
27 PROVIDING FOR OVERSIGHT BY THE OFFICE OF GRANTS
28 AND CONTRACT COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR
29 CODIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS; PROVIDING FOR
30 CONTINGENCY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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2 **WHEREAS**, approximately 20 veterans die by suicide each
3 day, which is at least 1.5 times higher than those individuals who
4 have not served in the military; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Florida has the third largest veteran population in
6 the nation, only preceded by California and Texas; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Northeast Florida has a high concentration of
8 military veterans given the proximity of military installations in
9 the Northeast Florida area, with veterans representing about 9.2
10 percent of the City of Jacksonville area population; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the Counties of Baker, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns
12 and the City of Jacksonville, Duval County ("City") (collectively,
13 the "Counties" or individually, "County") desire to see a
14 reduction in suicides among Northeast Florida veterans using a
15 coordinated approach to suicide prevention; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Counties pursuant to Section 163.01, *Florida*
17 *Statutes*, wish to make the most efficient use of their powers and
18 cooperate, collaborate and coordinate with each other on the basis
19 of mutual advantage regarding the prevention of suicide in
20 Northeast Florida veterans and form a separate multi-
21 jurisdictional governmental entity made up of representatives from
22 each County to address veterans' suicide prevention; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of each County
24 desire that its county be included in a collaborative effort among
25 the Counties to reduce the rates of suicide in Northeast Florida
26 veterans as contemplated herein.

27 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

28 **Section 1. Recitals.** The Recitals above are true and
29 correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

30 **Section 2. Findings.** The City does hereby find and
31 determine that:

1 (A) The prevention of veterans' suicide in Northeast Florida
2 serves a public purpose;

3 (B) It is in the best interest of the City to be included
4 in a collaborative effort among the Counties of Baker, Clay,
5 Nassau and St. Johns to prevent suicide in Northeast Florida
6 veterans;

7 (C) It is in the best interest of the City to participate in
8 the membership of the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council, and it
9 is necessary and desirable for the City to authorize, execute, and
10 deliver the Interlocal Agreement Regarding Veterans' Suicide
11 Prevention by and among the City and the Counties of Baker, Clay,
12 Nassau, and St. Johns, in substantially the same form as contained
13 in **Second Revised Exhibit 1**, labeled as "Second Revised Exhibit 1,
14 Revised Agmt, October 15, 2019 - Finance" attached hereto and
15 incorporated herein by this reference (the "Interlocal Agreement").

16 **Section 3. Appropriation.** For the 2019-2020 fiscal year,
17 within the City's budget, there are hereby appropriated the
18 indicated sum(s) from the account(s) listed in subsection (a) to the
19 account(s) listed in subsection (b):

20 (The account information is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and
21 incorporated herein by this reference)

22 (a) Appropriated from:

23 See attached **Exhibit 2** \$70,000.00

24 (b) Appropriated to:

25 See attached **Exhibit 2** \$70,000.00

26 (c) **Explanation of Appropriation.** This ordinance appropriates
27 \$70,000.00 from the General Fund/General Services District
28 Fund Balance to The Fire Watch - Northeast Florida
29 Veterans' Suicide Prevention Agency Fund to fund programs
30 and activities authorized by the Northeast Florida Fire
31 Watch Council to prevent veterans' suicide in Northeast

Florida, subject to the Interlocal Agreement terms.

Section 4. Purpose. The purpose of the appropriation above is to fund programs and activities authorized by the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council for the purpose of preventing veterans' suicide in Northeast Florida, subject to the Interlocal Agreement terms.

Section 5. Approval and authorizations. There is hereby approved, and the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the City the Interlocal Agreement. Additionally, the Mayor, or his designee, and Corporation Secretary are authorized to negotiate, execute and deliver for and on behalf of the City an agreement between the City and the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council for the City to serve as the administrator of the Interlocal Agreement, as provided therein.

Section 6. New Section 111.260 (The Fire Watch - Northeast Florida Veterans' Suicide Prevention Agency Fund), Part 2 (Health and Human Services), Chapter 111 (Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), Ordinance Code. A new Section 111.260 (The Fire Watch - Northeast Florida Veterans' Suicide Prevention Agency Fund), Part 2 (Health and Human Services), Chapter 111 (Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), *Ordinance Code*, is hereby created to read as follows:

CHAPTER 111. SPECIAL REVENUE AND TRUST ACCOUNTS

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PART 2. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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Sec. 111.260. The Fire Watch - Northeast Florida Veterans' Suicide Prevention Agency Fund.

(a) There is created within the Agency Funds an agency fund account to be known as The Fire Watch - Northeast Florida Veterans' Suicide Prevention Agency Fund ("Fund"), into

1 which shall be deposited all private donations,
2 contributions, monetary gifts, sponsorship monies, and other
3 monies designated for the approved uses in this section.
4 Monies deposited into the Fund shall be used to defray the
5 costs and expenses related to programs and activities
6 authorized by the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council (the
7 "Fire Watch Council") established pursuant to the Interlocal
8 Agreement Regarding Veterans' Suicide Prevention by and
9 among the City of Jacksonville, Florida (Duval County),
10 Baker County, Florida, Clay County, Florida, Nassau County,
11 Florida and St. Johns County, Florida, approved by Ordinance
12 2019-701-E. All monies and interest placed into the Fund are
13 hereby appropriated for the purposes of the Fund and such
14 shall not lapse to the General Fund at the close of any
15 fiscal year, but instead shall carry over to the next fiscal
16 year. The Fire Watch Council shall approve and authorize all
17 expenditures from the Fund. The Director of Finance and
18 Administration, or his designee, is authorized and directed
19 to make disbursements from the Fund upon receipt of the Fire
20 Watch Council's written request and approval of such
21 expenditure.

- 22 (b) There is hereby established, in addition to the Agency Fund,
23 a separate federal and state grants account (collectively,
24 "Federal and State Grants Account") into which federal and
25 state funding applied for by the Fire Watch Council, or the
26 City of Jacksonville as administrator for the Fire Watch
27 Council, shall be deposited. All federal and state funding
28 awards shall be expended by the Fire Watch Council
29 consistent with the purposes and terms set forth in the
30 Interlocal Agreement. The Fire Watch Council shall approve
31 and authorize all expenditures from the Federal and State

1 Grants Account. The Director of Finance and Administration,
2 or his designee, is authorized and directed to make
3 disbursements from the Fund upon receipt of the Fire Watch
4 Council's written request and approval of such expenditure.

5 **Section 7. Council Member Liaison.** The Council President
6 shall designate the City of Jacksonville City Council liaison to the
7 Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council as of the effective date of the
8 Interlocal Agreement through June 30, 2023.

9 **Section 8. Oversight.** The Office of Grants and Contract
10 Compliance shall oversee and provide administrative assistance to
11 the Fire Watch Council as provided in the Interlocal Agreement.

12 **Section 9. Codification Instructions.** The Codifier and
13 the Office of General Counsel are authorized to make all changes to
14 the *Ordinance Code* consistent with the intent of this legislation.

15 **Section 10. Contingency.** This ordinance is conditioned
16 upon the participating Counties and the City of Jacksonville
17 executing the Interlocal Agreement.

18 **Section 11. Effective Date.** This ordinance 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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25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Lawsikia J. Hodges

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