

1 Introduced by Council President Wilson and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Hazouri, Diamond, Morgan, Carlucci, Newby, Salem and  
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6 **RESOLUTION 2019-818**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING FRANK FRANGIE FOR THE  
8 CREATION OF WALK OFF CHARITIES, A NON-PROFIT  
9 ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO GIVING ALL  
10 JACKSONVILLE CHILDREN A CHANCE TO LEARN AND  
11 PLAY BASEBALL AT NO COST; PROVIDING AN  
12 EFFECTIVE DATE

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14 **WHEREAS**, Frank Frangie, a lifelong resident of Jacksonville,  
15 attended Englewood High School and later graduated from the  
16 University of Florida with a degree in Journalism and  
17 Communications. After college, Mr. Frangie began his sports media  
18 career with the *Florida Times-Union* and *Jacksonville Journal* as a  
19 sportswriter. In 1988, he began his career as a radio talk show  
20 host while continuing his work as a sportswriter in the  
21 Jacksonville area; and

22 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, Mr. Frangie resigned as a sportswriter from  
23 the Times to focus his full attention on being a sports  
24 broadcaster. Mr. Frangie went on to work as a broadcaster for  
25 multiple radio stations and programs including the 2007 launch of  
26 92.5 FM "Jax Sports Radio", Jacksonville's first and most  
27 successful all-sports radio station. During that time, Mr. Frangie  
28 began doing play-by-play, color commentary, and pre-game analysis  
29 for multiple sports teams, including the University of Florida's  
30 football, baseball, and basketball teams. In 2007, he became the  
31 play-by-play voice of the Touchdown Radio Network and in 2014 was

1 named the play-by-play radio broadcaster for the Jacksonville  
2 Jaguars; and

3       **WHEREAS**, in 2017, Mr. Frangie founded Walk Off Charities, a  
4 non-profit organization dedicated to giving all Jacksonville  
5 children a chance to learn and play baseball at no cost. In the  
6 spring of 2019, Walk Off Charities created free youth baseball  
7 leagues for over 200 children. Additionally, each child that  
8 participates in one of the leagues gets a free baseball glove.  
9 Through a partnership with Duval County Public Schools, Walk Off  
10 Charities also provides children with free baseball clinics which  
11 students attend as a school field trip to learn about baseball from  
12 top high school coaches in the area. The children who attend the  
13 clinics also receive a free baseball glove; and

14       **WHEREAS**, Walk Off Charities hosted its first high school  
15 baseball tournament in 2019 with eight teams competing at Sans  
16 Souci Park, with the championship games being televised. Walk Off  
17 Charities also helps already established local youth baseball teams  
18 by donating baseball gloves, pitching machines, and other baseball  
19 equipment to teams in need. As of 2019, Walk Off Charities has  
20 served over 2000 children in the Jacksonville area through their  
21 free youth baseball leagues and clinics. With continued support  
22 from donors, Walk Off Charities hopes to continue to grow and be  
23 able to service even more children in the Jacksonville area; now  
24 therefore

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

26       **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors Frank  
27 Frangie for the creation of Walk Off Charities, a non-profit  
28 organization dedicated to giving all Jacksonville children a chance  
29 to learn and play baseball, and for his continued public service to  
30 the youth of the Jacksonville community.

31       **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become

1 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
2 without the Mayor's signature.

3 Form Approved:

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5 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

6 Office of General Counsel

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