

1 Introduced by Council Members White and Ferraro and Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members, Diamond, Morgan, Carlucci, Bowman, Salem, Hazouri,
3 Pittman and Becton:
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5 **RESOLUTION 2019-819**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING DAVAY
7 KINSEY FOR HER BRAVERY AND RAPID RESPONSE IN
8 AIDING TWO FIREFIGHTERS WHO WERE ATTACKED AND
9 SEVERELY INJURED IN THE LINE OF DUTY;
10 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
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12 **WHEREAS**, Davay Kinsey is a Jacksonville native who graduated
13 from Wolfson High School in 1998. Upon graduation, Ms. Kinsey
14 joined the United States Air Force where she served for eleven
15 years as a military police officer. After leaving the Air Force,
16 Ms. Kinsey started working as a security officer at UF Health
17 Jacksonville, the position that she has held for over a decade; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on October 8, 2019, the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue
19 Department was dispatched on what initially appeared as a routine
20 medical transport call. Engineer Vincent Harper, a ten-year JFRD
21 employee, and Captain Latorrence Norris, a thirteen-year veteran,
22 responded in Rescue 2 to the call and began to transport a 38 year-
23 old male patient to the nearest hospital, UF Health. While on route
24 to the hospital, the patient became aggressive and attacked Capt.
25 Norris. During the struggle, Eng. Harper pulled over the rescue
26 unit and tried to subdue the attacker. During the altercation, both
27 Capt. Norris and Eng. Harper received multiple stab wounds, but
28 Capt. Norris though badly wounded was able to put out a call for
29 help. The Fire Rescue Communications team dispatched another Fire
30 and Rescue unit, contacted the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and
31 crucially contacted UF Health to notify them of the situation; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Kinsey, who was on duty during the incident,
2 overheard the distress call on her security radio and immediately
3 sprang into action. She realized that her current location was very
4 close to where the injured Fire and Rescue officers were located.
5 She immediately made her way to the victims on her security golf
6 cart. Upon arrival at the scene, Ms. Kinsey remained calm and
7 assessed the situation. Relying on her Air Force training and
8 experience, she decided that Capt. Norris was in critical condition
9 and needed immediate medical attention. Without hesitation, Ms.
10 Kinsey carefully moved Capt. Norris onto her Security golf cart and
11 drove him to the UF Health Trauma Center which was only a few
12 blocks away; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Kinsey's quick thinking and decisive actions
14 helped to save the life of Capt. Norris. Due to the severity of
15 Capt. Norris' injuries, he may not have survived long enough for
16 the dispatched emergency services to arrive. Ms. Kinsey's eleven
17 years of Air Force training and experiences and ten years of
18 experience working as a security officer at UF Health gave her the
19 skills and mindset to act quickly, effectively, and helped to save
20 the life of one of our local first responders; now therefore

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

22 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
23 commends Davay Kinsey for her bravery and quick response in aiding
24 two firefighters who were attacked and injured in the line of duty,
25 for her service in the United States Air Force, and for her
26 continued service of helping to keep Jacksonville safe. The City is
27 extremely grateful for her rapid and effective response to the
28 emergency situation.

29 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
31 without the Mayor's signature.

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Form Approved:

/s/ Paige H. Johnston

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