

1 Introduced by Council Member Priestly Jackson & Co-Sponsored by
2 Council Members Morgan, Ferraro, Hazouri, Newby, Diamond, Becton,
3 Carlucci, Wilson & Salem:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2020-192-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF
8 WOODLAWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH; PROVIDING AN
9 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, in 1870, just five years after the end of the Civil
12 War, the only African American Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville
13 was organized in a house at the corner of Julia and North under the
14 leadership of John E. Onley; and

15 **WHEREAS**, from humble beginnings in downtown Jacksonville as an
16 off-shoot of First Presbyterian, and then as Third Presbyterian and
17 then as Laura Street Presbyterian, Woodlawn Presbyterian Church has
18 grown to be a beacon of faith in the community; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Woodlawn Presbyterian has an active and vibrant
20 congregation of about 450 members and it continues to grow every
21 year. Woodlawn Presbyterian has ministries that serve the needs and
22 interests of all who gather there, with enrichment programs for all
23 ages and outreach activities that serve the community and the world
24 socially, physically and spiritually; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Woodlawn Presbyterian offers a place to find solace and
26 strength, to join a family among fellow congregants, and to share
27 faith in a spiritual sanctuary. After over a century and a half of
28 worship, Woodlawn Presbyterian is joyously celebrating their past and
29 prayerfully anticipating their future; now therefore

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

31 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors the 150th

1 anniversary of Woodlawn Presbyterian Church, and commends the
2 faithful service of the church leadership, both past and present.
3 City Council also appreciates the Woodlawn Presbyterian congregation
4 for all that they do to support each other and to strengthen our
5 community.

6 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
7 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
8 without the Mayor's signature.

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Colleen Hampsey, City Council Research

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