

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Carlucci, Newby, Boylan,
3 Becton, Salem and Bowman:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2020-440**

7 A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING AND HONORING BETH
8 HEATH FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO NORTHEAST
9 FLORIDA AND TO OUR NATION'S VETERANS;
10 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS**, Beth Heath was born in Washington, D.C., and she has
13 ancestors deeply rooted in America's history beginning at the
14 Revolutionary War. Ms. Heath acquired a love of America's values
15 and documents related to American values and freedom and through
16 that she found her passion to help give back to her country; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Beth Heath served in the United States Civil Service
18 in Guam, Maryland, California and West Palm Beach before she
19 transferred to the Navy Transition Team, which is tasked with
20 establishing the Naval Supply Center of Jacksonville. Ms. Heath
21 served for 30 years and received numerous awards and consistently
22 outstanding service ratings. Ms. Heath has also worked as the
23 benefits manager for the AFL-CIO Bakers Union and as the co-owner
24 of B & B Blasting and Special Movie Effects, Inc.; and

25 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, Beth Heath transformed a patriotic nonprofit
26 she founded, Turning Points in America, into the We Can Be Heroes
27 Foundation where she currently serves as president. The Foundation
28 is an all-volunteer nonprofit which publicizes Americans'
29 courageous acts, and honors veterans and unsung heroes. The
30 Foundation sponsors educational forums to promote American values;
31 helps veterans and those in need; and publishes discount, business

1 and help directories. The Foundation also hosts special events, at
2 least bimonthly, including Breakfasts with Our Heroes, Luncheons
3 for Veterans In-Need, Military Birthday Celebrations and Hero
4 Memorials; and

5 **WHEREAS**, We Can Be Heroes Foundation has designated three
6 organizations in Northeast Florida for local community support:
7 Atlantic Coast Young Marines, Ponte Vedra High Sharks for Heroes
8 and Clara White Mission Veterans Program. The Foundation promotes
9 and fosters the programming of these three groups, with an emphasis
10 on continuously collecting, delivering, and shipping food and
11 supplies for the homeless veterans at the Clara White Mission
12 facilities in Jacksonville; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Beth Heath has served as an election manager of the
14 Queens Harbour Country Club in Jacksonville for more than 20 years
15 and is the Chair of the Northeast Florida Election Team; and

16 **WHEREAS**, when Beth Heath is not busy serving the area of
17 Northeast Florida, she spends times as a drag car driver in "Power
18 Puff" races, interior and landscape design, minor construction and
19 faux painting. Ms. Heath is the wife of retired Navy Seabee and
20 Korean and Vietnam War Veteran John Heath and she is the mother of
21 six children/stepchildren and the grandmother of four; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Beth Heath has served her country and been a
23 dedicated community leader in the City of Jacksonville; now
24 therefore

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

26 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby celebrates and
27 honors all that Beth Heath has done to serve our community, to
28 support our nation's veterans, and to shine a light on and promote
29 the great work being done everyday by American citizens.

30 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
31 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective

1 without the Mayor's signature.

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4 Form Approved:

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6 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

7 Office of General Counsel

8 Legislation Prepared By: Richard Distel, City Council Research

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