

1 Introduced by Council Members Priestly Jackson and White:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-221**

5 A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE
6 ACTIVITIES OF THE JACKSONVILLE/DUVAL
7 APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COLLABORATION IN
8 APPLYING FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR A LOCAL
9 APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAM AT
10 WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
11 DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, a meeting was recently held by representatives of the
14 Jacksonville City Council, City of Jacksonville, Duval County
15 School Board, Duval County Public Schools, Duval Legislative
16 Delegation, Central Labor Council-Skilled Unions, Jacksonville Fire
17 and Rescue Department and Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to discuss
18 apprenticeships, training and jobs collaboration among the various
19 participants; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the group particularly discussed the submission of an
21 application for federal funding, supported by Congressman Al
22 Lawson, to fund a facilities upgrade at Westside High School and
23 the first year's operating costs for the apprenticeships and
24 training programs at the high school; and

25 **WHEREAS**, one of the greatest intervention and prevention tools
26 to mitigate our young people getting off track and involved in
27 illegal activities is reaching them with opportunities that include
28 education, training and jobs for their futures while they are in
29 high school. This initiative will be designed to focus on our young
30 people, males and females, who are socio-economically challenged,
31 face limited opportunities and are uncertain about attending

1 college after high school; and

2 **WHEREAS**, by introducing our Jacksonville/Duval County young
3 people to careers and jobs in the fields of skilled unions
4 (electricians, plumbers, sheet metal workers, painters and glazers,
5 first responders etc.), we show them that we value and care for
6 them now and we need them for a thriving Jacksonville in the
7 future; now therefore

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

9 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby expresses its
10 endorsement and support for the work of the Jacksonville/Duval
11 County Apprenticeship and Training Collaboration in pursuing
12 federal funding for an apprenticeship and training program at
13 Westside High School, including facility improvements at the school
14 and start-up operating funds, and thanks the many collaborating
15 entities for their efforts in this important task in support of
16 good career options for young people.

17 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
18 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
19 without the Mayor's signature.

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21 Form Approved:

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23 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

24 Office of General Counsel

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