

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman and Co-Sponsor Council Members
2 Morgan, Newby, Salem, DeFoor, Carlucci, Ferraro & Becton:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2021-266-A**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING THE DUVAL
7 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD FOR
8 CELEBRATING SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK
9 APRIL 25TH - MAY 2ND, 2021; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
10 DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District Board
13 (SWCD) was created on July 10, 1953, under the authority created by
14 the Soil Conservation Act, passed by the Florida Legislature in 1937.
15 The Duval SWCD was organized by concerned citizens of Duval County
16 to help landowners and users to conserve land, water, forests,
17 wildlife, and related natural resources. The current mission of the
18 Duval SWCD is to plan, facilitate, and implement programs, projects,
19 and practices that help conserve the natural resources throughout
20 Duval County; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 1955, the National Association of Conservation
22 Districts began a national program to encourage Americans to focus
23 on stewardship. The Stewardship Program relies on conservation
24 districts sharing and promoting stewardship and conservation
25 through field days, educational programming, and workshops to educate
26 citizens about the need to care for our natural resources; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Stewardship Week is celebrated annually from the last
28 Sunday in April to the first Sunday in May. This year from April 25th
29 to May 2nd the National Association of Conservation of Districts will
30 celebrate the theme which is, "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities".
31 Also, it is recognized as one of the world's largest conservation-

1 related observances. The activities during the week help to remind
2 us all of the power each person has to conserve natural resources and
3 improve the world. When everyone works together with their local
4 conservation district, that power continuously grows; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Board, which consists of 5 non-partisan elected
6 supervisors who serve at-large, is celebrating the 64th National
7 Observance Week throughout the county. The theme for this year is
8 "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities." Our security depends on
9 healthy soil and clean water. Effective soil and water conservation
10 practices have helped provide us a rich standard of living. Thus,
11 stewardship calls for each person to help conserve these precious
12 resources; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
15 thanks the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District Board for their
16 work and commitment to the citizens of Duval County to conserve,
17 improve, and sustain its natural resources and encourages all
18 residents to participate in the Stewardship Program activities and
19 commemorates the celebration of Soil and Water Stewardship Week from
20 April 25th to May 2nd, 2021.

21 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
22 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
23 without the Mayor's signature.

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25 Form Approved:

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27 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

28 Office of General Counsel

29 Legislation Prepared By: Richard Distel, City Council Research

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