Introduced by Council Member Pittman and Co-Sponsored by Council Members Hazouri, Morgan, Priestly Jackson, Dennis, DeFoor, Newby, Boylan and Becton:

RESOLUTION 2021-295-A

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION, INC. (NABWIC) FOR HOLDING THE ORGANIZATION'S ANNUAL MEETING IN JACKSONVILLE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the National Association of Black Women in Construction, Inc. (NABWIC) was founded in 1991 with the mission of increasing the national awareness of Black Women in the construction industry. NABWIC continues to provide resources, mentoring, training, and connections for Black Women enabling them to become leading minority firms throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, NABWIC has established ten (10) growing chapters around the country, from Florida to Tennessee to Washington DC and New York. The Northeast Florida Chapter was established in the City of Jacksonville in 2011; and

WHEREAS, NABWIC'S Billion Dollar Luncheon strategically brings people, politics, programs, projects and profits in the billions together, over lunch. Since its inception in 2014, the NABWIC Billion Dollar Luncheon has served to add member value by connecting members with industry leaders in the public sector with billion-dollar programs, connects interns with industry leaders to create a pipeline for millennials to enter the construction industry at all levels, create private one-on-ones for members only after the luncheons for private lunch and learn, and identifies and

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connects NABWIC women in construction industry initiatives; and

WHEREAS, NABWIC continues to offer members an opportunity to expand personal and business networks, maintain awareness of industry developments, improve skills and knowledge, and make a contribution to other women in the construction industry through national events such as the National Industry Day held Washington DC, the National Congressional Black Caucus Reception and Mid-Year Meeting in Washington DC, and the National Annual Meeting (rotated throughout the states); and

WHEREAS, the City is pleased to welcome 2021 NABWIC's Annual Meeting to Jacksonville; now therefore

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

The City hereby honors and commends Section 1. National Association of Black Women in Construction for their efforts to promote the interests of Black women in the construction industry and thanks the organization for choosing to hold its Annual Meeting in Jacksonville. The City Council extends its best wishes for a productive and successful meeting and an enjoyable stay in our city.

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

Form Approved:

/s/ Paige H. Johnston

Office of General Counsel

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