

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-395**

5 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S
6 STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF
7 THE JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN LIGHT OF
8 THE RECENT ATTACK ON AN ON-DUTY OFFICER;
9 URGING THAT THE PERPETRATOR OF THE ATTACK BE
10 PROSECUTED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW;
11 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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13 **WHEREAS**, on the evening of June 3rd a Jacksonville Sheriff's
14 Office deputy responded to a report of shots being fired in the
15 Riverside area north of I-10. Cellphone video posted by a witness
16 on a Twitter account and subsequently reposted and widely
17 circulated shows that officer attempting to take a potential
18 suspect into custody and then being tackled and beaten by another
19 person as a crowd stood by and watched; and

20 **WHEREAS**, that incident is merely the latest and most local
21 example of the numerous attacks on law enforcement officers
22 occurring in our country, a trend that has tragically seen more
23 than 40 officers killed by violent acts in the United States thus
24 far in 2021; and

25 **WHEREAS**, law enforcement officers, including the brave women
26 and men of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, put their lives on
27 the line each and every day to protect and defend the safety and
28 security of each of us, and are deserving of our deepest respect,
29 admiration and support; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the Jacksonville City Council recognizes and honors
31 the commitment and dedication of JSO officers to their duty and to

1 the well-being of our community, and believes that attacks on those
2 officers are despicable and the perpetrators should be brought
3 swiftly to justice; now therefore

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

5 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby expresses its strong
6 support and undying gratitude to the brave women and men of the
7 Jacksonville Sheriff's Office for their bravery, dedication to
8 duty, and countless actions, large and small, to protect and assist
9 the citizens of Jacksonville.

10 **Section 2.** The Council also hereby expresses its outrage
11 over the recent attack on a Sheriff's Office deputy who was
12 attempting to protect the Riverside community and requests that the
13 perpetrator of the assault on that officer be prosecuted to the
14 fullest extent of the law.

15 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
16 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
17 without the Mayor's signature.

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21 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

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