

1 Introduced by Council Member Bowman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-567**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE
6 LONG AND ENDURING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
7 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE
8 UNITED KINGDOM; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, the United States and the United Kingdom share a
11 common heritage and long and close business and social
12 relationships, making our nations natural trading and tourism
13 partners; and

14 **WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the U.S.
15 and U.K. are the largest sources of investment in each other's
16 economies, and our corporate relationships are responsible for
17 millions of direct and indirect jobs and hundreds of billions of
18 dollars/pounds of economic impact on both sides of the Atlantic;
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, the economic and tourism ties between the U.K. and
21 Florida in particular are very strong, with the U.K. being a major
22 export market for Florida goods and services supporting thousands
23 of Florida jobs in the fields of agriculture, bioscience and the
24 life sciences, aviation/aerospace, and financial technology.
25 Florida in turn is home to nearly 300 U.K.-based companies
26 supporting over 65,000 jobs and the U.K. is also a leading source
27 of tourism to Florida, dependably supporting one of our state's
28 most important industries; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville is proud to be an active participant in
30 the U.S./U.K trade relationship, and to host companies such as Amec
31 Foster Wheeler, BAE Systems, City Facilities Management LLC,

1 Corrocoat, Resource Solutions, and SmartStream Technologies as
2 participants in our vibrant economy; and

3 **WHEREAS,** the citizens of Jacksonville have a special
4 relationship with the United Kingdom and particularly with the City
5 of London as the second home of our Jacksonville Jaguars; now
6 therefore

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

8 **Section 1.** The City hereby recognizes and celebrates the
9 long and enduring economic and social relationship between the
10 United Kingdom and the United States, the State of Florida, and the
11 City of Jacksonville, and expresses its hope that these close and
12 mutually beneficial ties will continue and expand for generations
13 to come, to the mutual benefit of all parties.

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

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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