

1 Introduced by Council Member Dennis and Substituted by the Rules
2 Committee:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2021-464-A**

6 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING GOVERNMENTAL
7 PERMITTING AGENCIES TO ASSIST THE CITY OF
8 JACKSONVILLE WITH FACILITATING LONG-TERM FLOOD
9 CONTROL IMPROVEMENTS AND RESTORATION OF THE
10 NATURAL CHANNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE MCCOYS CREEK
11 RESTORATION PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
12 DATE.

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14 **WHEREAS**, McCoys Creek is located west of downtown, with the
15 headwaters of McCoys Creek beginning west of Leland Street and
16 traveling through several neighborhoods, including Lackawanna, Mixon
17 Town, the Rail Yard District, and Brooklyn. The creek outfalls to the
18 St. Johns River near the Acosta Bridge; and

19 **WHEREAS**, for more than 50 years, chronic flooding from McCoys
20 Creek has impacted McCoys Creek Boulevard and adjacent neighborhoods;
21 as widely reported on July 4, 2021, multiple people had to be rescued
22 from vehicles trapped along McCoys Creek Boulevard when an afternoon
23 rain event caused the streets to flood; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville has committed \$105 million
25 over the next three years to restore McCoys Creek to a natural state
26 and in the process, mitigate the ongoing and chronic flooding on
27 McCoys Creek Boulevard and in nearby neighborhoods; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the restoration project is planned to restore the
29 natural channel design, expand the flood plain and give room for
30 water runoff, is anticipated to take almost two years (pending weather
31 and other delays), and requires the City's coordination with

1 governmental permitting agencies; and

2 **WHEREAS**, ongoing flooding of McCoys Creek has caused hardship
3 for the surrounding neighborhoods, including some that are
4 economically challenged, and has created adverse impacts on City
5 residents; and

6 **WHEREAS**, given the investment that the City of Jacksonville is
7 making toward these improvements, the City Council desires to
8 encourage governmental permitting agencies to work in coordination
9 with and assist the City of Jacksonville with making long-term flood
10 control improvements so that the project can be completed on an
11 expedited basis; now therefore

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

13 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby strongly encourages
14 governmental permitting agencies to work in coordination with and
15 assist the City of Jacksonville with making long-term flood control
16 improvements for the McCoys Creek Restoration Project so that the
17 project can be expedited.

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

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Paige H. Johnston

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