

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman & Co-Sponsored by Council Members  
2 Bowman, Freeman, Morgan, Becton, Salem, Carrico, Gaffney, Boylan,  
3 Newby, Priestly Jackson, DeFoor, Cumber, Dennis, Diamond, Hazouri and  
4 White:

7 **RESOLUTION 2021-613-A**

8 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING HEALTH CARE WORKERS FOR  
9 THEIR DEDICATION AND SERVICE DURING THE COVID-  
10 19 PANDEMIC; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, for more than a year and a half the world has been immersed  
13 in a global pandemic due to the COVID-19 virus, with 200 million  
14 infection cases globally as of early August, and over 4 million deaths  
15 worldwide. In the United States, there have been 36,925,000 positive  
16 cases reported and 621,000 COVID-caused deaths; and

17 **WHEREAS**, since the pandemic began, there have been more than 2  
18 million Floridians infected and 40,000 deaths in Florida. In Duval  
19 County, there have been more than 100,000 cases and tragically more  
20 than 1,400 residents have died after their affliction with the  
21 coronavirus; and

22 **WHEREAS**, health care workers of all varieties have been on the  
23 front lines fighting the effects of this disease since the beginning  
24 of the pandemic. Doctors, nurses, medical assistants, therapists,  
25 hospital administrators and staff have toiled to treat and care for  
26 COVID patients to the best of their abilities, under extremely  
27 difficult conditions; and

28 **WHEREAS**, in the last month, cases of the extremely contagious  
29 delta variant of the COVID-19 virus have surged around the world, in  
30 the United States and in Florida, particularly in areas where

1 vaccination rates are low. One glimmer of hope in this time of surging  
2 cases is that all three vaccines authorized in the United States  
3 offer strong protection against severe disease and death from COVID-  
4 19; and

5 **WHEREAS**, health care workers have already endured months of  
6 trauma as they struggled to handle the caseload of patients and the  
7 emotions associated with treatment and loss. Health care workers are  
8 once again standing out as heroes during this surge of positive cases,  
9 doing everything they can to save, cure and rehabilitate patients  
10 with COVID-19; now therefore

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

12 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby commends all of  
13 the health care workers in Duval County for their tireless dedication  
14 to healing the sick, for their sacrifices, and for their seemingly  
15 unending efforts to counteract the effects of COVID-19. Jacksonville  
16 City Council extends heartfelt appreciation to each and every health  
17 care worker for their service to our city.

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

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