

1 Introduced by Council Member Carlucci:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-724**

5 A RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER
6 ACTION MONTH IN JACKSONVILLE AND ENCOURAGING ALL
7 CITIZENS TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS
8 OF AND EXPAND ACCESS TO BREAST CANCER SCREENING
9 AND TREATMENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, October 2021 marks 36 years that National Breast Cancer
12 Awareness Month has educated women about early breast cancer
13 detection, diagnosis, and treatment, highlighting the importance of
14 awareness that leads to action; and

15 **WHEREAS**, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in
16 the United States, and one in 8 women, and one in 833 men, will be
17 diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime; and

18 **WHEREAS**, every two minutes a woman in the United States is
19 diagnosed with breast cancer, and 85 percent of women diagnosed with
20 breast cancers have no family history of the disease; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society estimates that in 2021,
22 more than 280,000 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer,
23 and more than 40,000 will die due to the disease, which early
24 detection can render 98 percent treatable; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the two most common barriers to life-saving screening
26 are lack of financial means and access to transportation. Due to the
27 current unprecedented times, these barriers have become even more
28 pronounced; and

29 **WHEREAS**, in 2020, Pink Ribbon Jax raised funds toward a 3D-
30 Mobile Mammogram Bus for Baptist Health and stage III clinical trials
31 for the breast cancer vaccine for Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville. This

1 year, on its 15th anniversary, Pink Ribbon Jax is expanding access to
2 life-saving mammograms for those in need and renewing its commitment
3 to prevention, detection, and treatment of breast cancer; now
4 therefore

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

6 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby declares October 2021 to
7 be Breast Cancer Action Month in Jacksonville and encourages all
8 citizens to support efforts to raise awareness of and access to breast
9 cancer screening and treatments, as well as considering their own
10 health and risk for the disease; and encourages communities and
11 businesses across the city to show their solidarity by "turning
12 Jacksonville pink" for breast cancer awareness.

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

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17 Form Approved:

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19 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

20 Office of General Counsel

21 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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