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COUNCIL PRESIDENT BROSCHE CALLS FOR THE START OF PROCESS TO MOVE CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS, MEMORIALS, AND MARKERS FROM JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC PROPERTY

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Following the leads of former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, and most recently the Florida Senate who removed Confederate items from public places in Tallahassee, and in response to the horrific and unacceptable incidents that occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia, I am asking that the City of Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department and the Planning Department (Community Planning Division, Historic Preservation Section) conduct an inventory of all Confederate monuments, memorials, and markers on public property.

In order to develop an appropriate plan of action to relocate Confederate monuments, memorials, and markers, it is important to know the full landscape of such a task. Upon completion of the inventory, I intend to propose legislation to move Confederate monuments, memorials, and markers from public property to museums and educational institutions where they can be respectfully preserved and historically contextualized.

It is important to never forget the history of our great city; and, these monuments, memorials, and markers represent a time in our history that caused pain to so many.