Introduced by Council Member Peluso:

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RESOLUTION 2023-

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR LOCAL BILL J-1, TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DUVAL COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION FOR THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, WHICH WOULD AMEND SECTION 212.0306, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL COUNTY, THE AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE CERTAIN LOCAL OPTION FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAXES UPON APPROVAL BY ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL BILL FILING MANUAL REQUIREMENTS BY THE LOCAL PROPONENTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville continuously seeks to identify various programs and initiatives to address the myriad of quality of life issues that face its residents, including identification of funding sources to assist the City in carrying out these programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Section 212.0306, Florida Statutes, provides certain 23 24 counties the authority to implement two distinct local option food and 25 beverage taxes, one focused on funding programs to promote the county and its constituent cities as a destination site for tourism and 26 27 events and the second to provide a funding source for programs and 28 initiatives aimed at assisting persons who have become, or are about 29 to become, homeless and to fund the construction and operation of 30 domestic violence shelters; and

WHEREAS, homelessness and domestic violence are matters of critical concern at a national, state and local level, and the City of Jacksonville is not immune to the significant impact that homelessness and domestic violence have on its residents and the community at large; and

6 WHEREAS, the City Council supports Local Bill J-1 which proposes 7 an amendment to Section 212.0306, *Florida Statutes*, that would provide 8 the City of Jacksonville, Duval County, the opportunity to address the 9 impacts of homelessness and domestic violence on the community through 10 implementation of an additional funding source to support homelessness 11 and domestic violence initiatives upon subsequent action by the City 12 Council; now, therefore

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

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14 Section 1. Support of Local Bill J-1. The Council hereby expresses its support for Local Bill J-1, to be considered by the 15 Duval County Legislative Delegation, for the 2024 State Legislative 16 Session. Said Local Bill J-1 would amend Section 212.0306, Florida 17 18 Statutes, to provide the City of Jacksonville, Duval County, the 19 authority to impose certain local option food and beverage taxes upon 20 approval by ordinance adopted by a majority vote of the City Council. 21 A true and correct copy of said Local Bill J-1 is attached hereto as 22 Exhibit 1.

23 Section 2. Compliance with Local Bill Filing Manual and 24 State J-Bill Process. The local proponents of this J-Bill shall be 25 responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Bill Filing 26 Manual including, but not limited to, advertising and public hearing 27 requirements. The Duval Delegation Local Bill hearing will occur on 28 September 27, 2023, in City Council Chambers.

29 Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become 30 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective 31 without the Mayor's signature.

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