

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY RECOMMENDING SUPPORT OF ORDINANCE 2013-408-E AS ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE'S FORMAL SUPPORT FOR AND HELP TO THE EFFORTS OF THE JACKSONVILLE HISTORIC NAVAL SHIP ASSOCIATION ("JHNSA") TO COORDINATE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES TO BRING THE RETIRED NAVAL VESSEL USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG-2) TO DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE AS A FLOATING MUSEUM, AT THE FORMER JACKSONVILLE SHIPYARD SITE ON JACKSONVILLE'S NORTHBANK; PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF CITY'S INTERESTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Jacksonville unanimously approved Ordinance 2010-675-E providing the City of Jacksonville's formal support for and help to the efforts of the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association (JHNSA) to bring the retired naval vessel USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2) to Jacksonville as a downtown floating museum; and

**WHEREAS**, the JHNSA has now approached the City of Jacksonville including the Downtown Investment Authority with plans to moor the retired naval vessel USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2) at the former Jacksonville Shipyard's north/south bulkhead on the north bank of the St. John's River; and

**WHEREAS**, JHNSA plans, with necessary approvals and agreements with the City of Jacksonville and the State of Florida, and consistent with requirements of the Department of the Navy, to construct and maintain a mooring facility for, and maintain the retired naval vessel USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2) as a floating museum without the necessity of direct financial contributions from the City of Jacksonville including the Downtown Investment Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, establishing the retired naval vessel USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2) in downtown Jacksonville as a floating museum and tourist attraction would benefit the City, the Navy, and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, JHNSA at the former Jacksonville Shipyard north/south bulkhead on the north bank of the St. John's River is substantially in accordance with the property site plan as attached to the Ordinance. The Downtown Investment Authority recognizes that to effect this project, it will require the expenditure of substantial resources solely by the Jacksonville Historic Naval Ship Association, and the full cooperation and coordination of the City of Jacksonville including the Downtown Investment Authority, the State of Florida, and the Department of the Navy; and

**WHEREAS**, a necessary predicate to the significant expenditure of time and resources by JHNSA, to bring a floating museum to the City of Jacksonville for no less than ten (10) years, is a commitment by the City including the Downtown Investment Authority to support JHNSA's negotiations with the State of Florida and the Department of the Navy, and to ready itself to undertake such negotiations that may be required; the City including the Downtown Investment

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Authority will evaluate the ship museum project according to guidelines and other considerations provided to the JHNSA with an appropriate agreement approved pursuant to all applicable laws to ensure the ship museum project's overall operation is satisfactory and contributing to the City. If the City including the Downtown Investment Authority determines at anytime that the ship museum is not contributing to the improvement of Downtown Jacksonville, it will work with JHNSA to relocate or remove the ship museum, at no cost to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Downtown Investment Authority deems that the JHNSA's efforts to bring the retired naval vessel USS Charles F. Adams (DDG-2) to downtown Jacksonville as a floating museum and tourist attraction, and in full recognition of the City's long history with the Navy and veterans of all services, is deserving of the support of this body; now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Downtown Investment Authority:

**Section 1.** The DIA finds that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.** The DIA recommends APPROVAL of this resolution.

**Section 3.** This resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the DIA this 20th day of November 2013.

WITNESS:

Downtown Investment Authority

  
Oliver Barakat, Chairperson

VOTE:

In Favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0