

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2026-361**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING ECS4KIDS ON THE OCCASION
6 OF ITS 60TH ANNIVERSARY FOR ITS INVALUABLE
7 SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; PROVIDING AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS,** ECS4Kids (Episcopal Children's Services) is a
11 nationally recognized leader in early childhood education and family
12 services, driven by the belief that every child deserves a strong
13 start; and

14 **WHEREAS,** for 60 years, ESC4Kids has partnered with families and
15 communities to improve outcomes for children during the most critical
16 years of development, beginning at birth and laying the foundation for
17 lifelong and generational success; and

18 **WHEREAS,** ECS4Kids delivers high-quality, evidence-based, and
19 data-driven programs with demonstrated results, focusing on children
20 and families who face the greatest barriers to opportunity; and

21 **WHEREAS,** through its Head Start and Early Head Start programs,
22 ECS4Kids provides comprehensive education, health, and nutrition
23 services to 3,446 infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and their
24 families; and

25 **WHEREAS,** through Early Learning Services, ECS4Kids supports more
26 than 9,000 families in accessing financial assistance for quality
27 childcare, in partnership with the Early Learning Coalition of North
28 Florida, and collaborates with the Early Learning Coalition of Duval
29 to strengthen quality in more than 100 childcare centers serving
30 approximately 2,500 children; and

31 **WHEREAS,** ECS4Kids continues to expand its proven solutions to

1 meet growing needs, including extending services into Georgia through
2 a five-year federal grant of \$5,828,625 to serve 340 children and
3 their families across 10 counties; and

4 **WHEREAS**, ECS4Kids now serves nearly 30,000 vulnerable children
5 and families across 24 counties in the southeastern United States,
6 demonstrating sustained growth and regional impact; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the organization's mission is powered by more than
8 1,000 dedicated staff across Florida and Georgia, and its commitment
9 to excellence has been recognized through its designation as a 2026
10 Top Workplace by the Florida Times-Union; and

11 **WHEREAS**, ECS4Kids has made a profound and durable impact within
12 the City of Jacksonville and beyond by strengthening families,
13 supporting early learning, and ensuring that children enter school
14 ready to flourish; now therefore

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

16 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors ECS4Kids
17 (Episcopal Children's Services) and its staff, leadership, partners,
18 and supporters for 60 years of outstanding service and transformative
19 impact on children and families in Jacksonville.

20 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Shannon MacGillis

27 Office of General Counsel

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