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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 07-14

To: All Elected Officials, Department Heads, Division Chiefs, Independent Agencies, Authorities, Boards, Commissions, and Councils

From: John Peyton, Mayor

Subject: City of Jacksonville Anti-Crime Initiative known as The Jacksonville Journey: Take A Step

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor by the Charter and as Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the Consolidated Government, it is ordered:

Section 1. Background. The citizens of Jacksonville know first-hand the effect violent crime is having on our community. They have watched in the courtroom, the classroom and the community as young people head down a path that leads to one side or another of a tragic criminal equation. They have seen the devastating effect of violent crime on families, friends and neighbors. We are deeply concerned not only about the individuals involved, but about the implications this trend has for the future of the City of Jacksonville. The remedy for this problem presents an enormous challenge, but the answer is the same one that has always brought success in this great city: We must act together, and we must act now. While it is true that an enhanced law enforcement presence is a big part of the answer, a comprehensive solution should take a three-fold approach that includes law enforcement, prevention and targeted intervention. The time has come for the citizens, community leaders and governmental officials of the City of Jacksonville to reverse the downward spiral of streets, neighborhoods and our entire community by taking positive action to keep Jacksonville's story of hope, promise and surmounting the odds from becoming a tale of hopelessness, violence and economic stagnation.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this executive order is to create an action group to take the lead in studying the problem and to provide tough, take-charge leadership to find answers that not only stem but also reverse the tide of violence currently challenging our city and its people.

Section 3. Creation of the Mayor's Anti-Crime Task Force. There is now created the Mayor's Anti-Crime Task Force, The Jacksonville Journey: Take A Step (hereinafter referred to as the "Task Force"). The Task Force will be composed of more than 140 members. The Task Force will investigate the existence and perpetuation of violent crime in the City, make recommendations to the Mayor for remedial actions, and assist with implementation of those actions. The membership of the Task Force will consist of seven (7) sub committees to study and make recommendations as to the pervasive problem that exists in the City. The Task Force will be led by a Steering Committee comprised of community leaders and subject matter experts. The effort will have two Co-Chairs. Within the next 120 days from the effective date of this executive order, the Task Force shall:

3.01. Establish and enforce the timeframes of subcommittee initiatives along with identifying resources required to ensure accountability.

3.02. Present status reports on subcommittee initiatives and define ways in which they can help hold the associated organizations accountable for their action or inaction.

3.03. Assist with implementation as needed. Some goals are immediately achievable and some will take years, but Task Force knowledge and commitment can help to make the difference.

3.04. Work with the Funding Subcommittee (created in Section 6.03) to create a long-term funding plan to support these initiatives. Government cannot fix the problem, and even if it could, the funding, particularly at the local level, no longer exists. The lack of funds cannot be an excuse for inaction. The funding committee should explore a variety of resource possibilities, including federal funds, state funds, local and national philanthropic foundation funds and personal funds.

Section 4. Period of Service. All Task Force members listed above serve for the duration of the existence of the Task Force.

Section 5. Task Force Procedural Matters. The following provisions shall govern officers, rules, meetings and quorums of the Task Force.

5.02. *Rules.* The Task Force is authorized to adopt, amend and repeal rules of organization and procedure not inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order. The Task Force may also make and enforce rules with respect to the procedures and membership of its Steering Committee and its various subcommittees.

5.03. *Meetings.* The Task Force shall be subject to the Florida Public Records Law, as codified in Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and its meetings shall be subject to the Florida Open Meetings Law, as codified in Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and in Section 602.1208, Ordinance Code.

5.04. *Quorum.* A majority of subcommittee members or steering committee members must be present at any meeting to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority vote of those members present is required on any matter or recommendation

Section 6. Subcommittees. The following seven (7) subcommittees are created as part of the Task Force:

- 6.01. Law Enforcement and Deterrence..
- 6.02. Education, Literacy and Drop Out Prevention.
- 6.03. Funding Subcommittee.
- 6.04. Public Relations Subcommittee.
- 6.05. Positive Youth Development Subcommittee.
- 6.06. Neighborhood Safety and Stability Subcommittee.
- 6.07. Targeted Intervention and Rehabilitation Subcommittee.

Section 7. Staffwork. The Mayors staff, Public Information Office and others as needed shall serve as the staffing function for the Task Force.

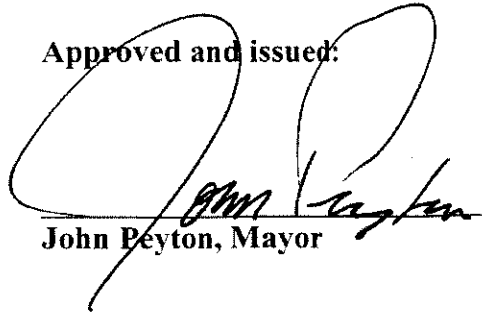
Section 8 Duration. The Task Force shall be in existence for a period of 120 days in the recommendation and study phase, and for an undetermined duration, from the effective date hereof, unless extended by the Mayor.

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Approved as to conformity with
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