

**RESOLUTION 2026-01-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF DR. STEVE KELLEY FOR HIS DEDICATION, SERVICE, AND LEADERSHIP IN FURTHERANCE OF THE DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY, DOWNTOWN AS WELL AS THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AT LARGE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Kelley began his career with the Downtown Investment Authority in January 2020 as the Director of Downtown Real Estate and Development; and

**WHEREAS**, at the outset, Dr. Kelley's expertise in finance, banking and public investment benefited the Downtown Investment Authority as well as Downtown investors and business owners through:

The inception of a Food and Beverage Retail Enhancement Program, which has and continues to contribute to the food and beverage establishments seen on Laura Street and Bay Street; and

The inception of a Downtown Preservation and Revitalization Program, a program that has and continues to induce private investment in some of Downtown's most historic buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure, Dr. Kelley negotiated Jacksonville's largest Downtown public-private partnerships, including Gateway Jax's "Pearl Square" development, a transformative project that includes nine blocks and over \$750 million in capital investment; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to Dr. Kelley's contributions to the Downtown Investment Authority and Downtown, his experience and knowledge benefited the City at large as a founding board member and first President of Jacksonville's Community Land Trust; and

**WHEREAS**, on a personal level, Dr. Kelley has and continues to be an unparalleled champion of Downtown,

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

**Section 1.** The Downtown Investment Authority expresses its sincere appreciation of and recognizes the outstanding leadership of Dr. Kelley over his years of service to the Downtown Investment Authority, as well as his continued dedication to the advancement of Downtown Jacksonville.

**Section 2.** This Resolution 2026-01-06 shall become effective on the date it is signed by the Chair of the DIA Board.

WITNESS:

**DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT AUTHORITY**

  
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Patrick Kreschowski, Chair

1-21-26  
Date