

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT  
REGARDING VETERANS' SUICIDE PREVENTION  
(Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council)**

This **FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING VETERANS' SUICIDE PREVENTION** ("Agreement") is made effective as of November 1, 2021 or the date of the last County approval, whichever is later ("Effective Date") by and among **BAKER COUNTY, CLAY COUNTY, NASSAU COUNTY, and ST. JOHNS COUNTY**, all political subdivisions existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and the **CITY OF JACKSONVILLE**, a consolidated political subdivision and municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of Florida (collectively, the "Counties" or individually, "County").

**RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, effective on November 6, 2019, the Counties entered into the Interlocal Agreement Regarding Veterans' Suicide Prevention, which established the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council, a multi-jurisdictional governmental entity (the "*Agreement*");

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council has made considerable strides in addressing the scourge of Veterans' suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Counties desire to amend the Agreement for purposes including designating St. Johns County as the host county; now therefore

**IN CONSIDERATION** of the First Amendment and of the mutual promises herein contained and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Recitals.** The above-stated recitals are true and correct and by this reference are incorporated herein.

2. **Capitalized Terms.** Unless otherwise defined in this First Amendment, all capitalized terms shall have the meanings given to them in the Agreement.

3. **Amendment to Section 7 (Administrative and Staff Support; Financial Support).** Section 7 of the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

7. STRATEGIC, ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF SUPPORT; FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

a. Strategic Support

i. St. Johns County will provide strategic support and consultative services as needed by the Council and its board of directors.

- ii. St Johns County will provide meeting space locations and A/V support as needed.
- iii. St Johns County will disseminate meeting notifications and news as requested.
- b. Administrative and staff support.

Independent accounting services shall be obtained by the Council shall reasonably provide when needed administrative and staff support and assistance (the "Contractor"). The Contractor shall:

- i. Serve as the fiscal agent;
- ii. Provide administrative support, if needed, for Fire Watch Council meetings;
- iii. Assist the Fire Watch Council with preparing and submitting disbursement requests in accordance with the Fund (defined below);
- v. Review contracts and programs for compliance with the contract and program terms; and

c. Financial Support; Agency Fund.

(i) Financial Support. Subject to lawful appropriation, Baker County, Clay County, Nassau County, St. Johns County and the City of Jacksonville (Duval County) may each provide financial contributions. The Fire Watch Council shall use the County Contributions consistent with the powers, duties, and purposes set forth herein. The County Contributions shall be deposited into qualified public depository. No County will be obligated to provide any financial support under this Agreement or to the Fire Watch Council unless expressly agreed to by such County. Any cost-sharing formula regarding the Counties' financial support under this Agreement shall be mutually agreed upon by the Counties.

(ii) Funds. The Council shall establish a bank account called The Fire Watch - Northeast Florida Veterans' Suicide Prevention to receive and deposit contributions, grant funds and other monetary donations made to the Fire Watch Council. Funds shall only be disbursed by the Contractor at the written request and approval of the Fire Watch Council.

4. Authority. The Counties represent and warrant to one another that each has full right and authority to execute and perform its obligations under the Agreement as amended by this First Amendment, and each person signing this First Amendment are duly authorized to execute this First Amendment on each County's behalf.

5. **Effectiveness; Ratification of the Agreement.** This First Amendment to the Agreement is effective the date first written above. The provisions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect except as expressly provided in this First Amendment.

6. **Electronic Signatures; Counterpart Execution.** This First Amendment may be executed by electronic signatures and in a number of identical counterparts, each of which for all purposes is deemed an original, and all of which constitute collectively one agreement.

**[Remainder of page left blank intentionally. Signature page follows immediately.]**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Counties have executed this First Amendment on the dates set forth below.

**BAKER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jimmy Anderson, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stacie Harvey, Clerk of Court

**CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Cella, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Howard Wanamaker, County Manager and  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

**NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas R. Ford, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeremiah Ray Blocker, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

**Legal Review**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the County Attorney

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF JACKSONVILLE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
James R. McCain, Jr.  
Corporation Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lenny Curry, Mayor

**FORM APPROVED:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office of General Counsel