



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Incubate Debate was founded in 2019 to provide Florida students with free speech and debate tournaments, workshops, and camps; and

**WHEREAS:** Incubate Debate's programs serve over one thousand students across the state, with over a hundred students coming from the Jacksonville region; and

**WHEREAS:** Forging partnerships with area schools, including the Bolles School, Incubate Debate helps connect students with diverse perspectives, professional and academic development resources, and with influential administrative officials, including Supreme Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, United Nations Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, and Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff; and

**WHEREAS:** Engaging in civic debate and refining speech skills can broaden a student's perspective and expose them to the issues currently facing the community and proposed solutions; and

**WHEREAS:** Skills in speech and debate can help students hone their opinions and communication skills as well as expose them to alternative ideas and perspectives; and

**WHEREAS:** Incubate Debate will be hosting its first free debate tournament in Jacksonville on October 8, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 8, 2023 as

## **INCUBATE DEBATE DAY**

In Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise their children to engage in civic debate with one another to create a more informed society.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 15th Day of Sep. in the year  
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA