



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Children are our greatest community asset, and supporting their needs is integral to building the brightest future for our city; and

**WHEREAS:** The late Sherwood H. Smith, Sr., recognized this and was dedicated to serving and advocating for Jacksonville's children; and

**WHEREAS:** As Executive Director of the Jacksonville Community Chest and State Director and Commissioner of the Florida Department of Public Welfare, Smith demonstrated an enduring desire to make a difference. His contributions to the United Way of Northeast Florida and its predecessor, the Jacksonville Community Chest, paved the way for the United Way's continued success in service to our community; and

**WHEREAS:** To honor his father's legacy of giving back to his community, Sherwood H. Smith, Jr., established in 2008 the United Way of Northeast Florida's annual Sherwood H. Smith Children's Champion Awards; and

**WHEREAS:** Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, the awards honor two individuals each year who are dedicated to improving children's lives in our community through their service or advocacy efforts; and

**WHEREAS:** As citizens and local organizations support the dreams and potential of our children, we are developing the next generation of our community's leaders.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2018 as

## **SHERWOOD H. SMITH DAY**

in Jacksonville and honor his legacy of service to generations of children in our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19th day of October in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA