



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: On August 2, 1971, President Richard Nixon proclaimed the first week of August as National Clown Week, celebrating those who bring moments of quiet splendor, and who redeem sickness and pain with delight; and

WHEREAS: Founded in the early 1970s, the Gator Clowns of Jacksonville is a nonprofit organization, and the oldest active clown alley in North America. The Gator Clowns remain dedication to serving the community as volunteer ambassadors of joy and were named Clown Alley of the Year in 2017; and

WHEREAS: Members of the Gator Clowns have completed tens of thousands of service hours over the last fifty years by participating in a wide variety of local fundraisers and community events in area schools and hospitals; and

WHEREAS: The Gator Clowns donate their time and talent to the Jacksonville community, bringing smiles and laughter to residents in area nursing homes, as well as children being treated at Nemours and Wolfson Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS: This August, the Gator Clowns of Jacksonville will once again promote the art of spreading joy as they recognize National Clown Week; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville joins in this annual recognition, celebrating the positive impact these entertainers have on the Jacksonville community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 1 - 7, 2023 as

CLOWN WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to celebrate the achievements of minority entrepreneurs and recognize the efforts being made to support their businesses' growth.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 2nd Day of Aug. in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA