

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Museums are the gateway to firsthand learning experiences in a variety of cultural arenas, including the arts, science and history; and

WHEREAS: Smithsonian Magazine's annual Museum Day, taking place this year on September 22, represents a nationwide commitment to boundless curiosity and the pursuit of knowledge. The event engages thousands of museums across the country to provide free entry to their exhibits, emulating the spirit of the Smithsonian Institute's Washington, D.C.-based facilities; and

WHEREAS: The list of participating museums, which includes several Jacksonville museums, can be found by visiting smithsonian.com/museumday. Each free online ticket obtained from this website permits the ticketholder and one guest entry to a participating museum of their choice; and

WHEREAS: This year, Museum Day is themed "Women Making History," celebrating the female trailblazers in the arts, sciences, innovation and culture. In partnership with Microsoft, the event also encourages girls to explore STEM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville values efforts to engage, educate and enlighten residents of every age, gender, race and socioeconomic level. Museum Day provides such an opportunity for citizens to explore our local historical, cultural, scientific and artistic treasures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 22, 2018 as

MUSEUM DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to appreciate our local museums for their important work to educate citizens and preserve cultural artifacts for generations to come.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 7th day of September
in the year Two Thousand 18

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA