

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Entrepreneurship remains an important part of the fabric of America. Minority-owned businesses are a valued segment of this ideal, contributing to our national and local economies by generating revenue, creating jobs and revitalizing communities; and

**WHEREAS:** The U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration have led national efforts to recognize, celebrate and provide greater opportunities through the formation of strategic partnerships. On a local level, the City's Office of Economic Development and Jacksonville Small and Emerging Businesses (JSEB) program help connect business owners with the tools and resources they need for success; and

**WHEREAS:** Since 1983, Jacksonville has observed Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week with more than 2,000 local minority entrepreneurs, corporate representatives and government officials participating in a variety of networking events, activities and seminars; and

**WHEREAS:** With a mission to uplift and promote small and minority businesses within our community, as well as foster awareness of business opportunities, the First Coast Business Alliance, Inc. (FCBA) sponsors MED Week in the greater Jacksonville area each year; and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville joins FCBA in commemorating MED Week and recognizes the valuable contributions of minority entrepreneurs to our city's business sector, economic landscape and cultural vibrancy, as well as to our community as a whole.

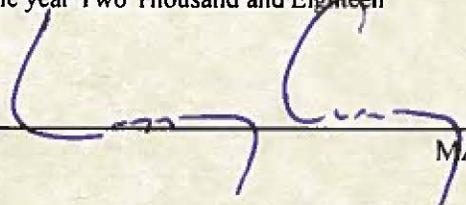
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of November 4 - 10, 2018 as

## **MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT 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 28th day of September  
in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA