



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: In a repeat of the 2017 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) class 4A state championship, the William M. Raines High School varsity football team again took on Cocoa High School in a December 6 season finale in Orlando; and

WHEREAS: Different year, same results: The Vikings and head coach Deran Wiley claimed another state title with a decisive 27-13 victory, holding the lead for the entirety of the game. Raines is one of only two Duval County public schools to ever win a state championship in football, with trophies in 1997, 2017 and now 2018; and

WHEREAS: After another near-perfect season, the Vikings went into the 2018 finale on a 12-game win streak for the second consecutive year. With the exception of a loss by one point in the season opener against Lee High School, Raines' opponents throughout the season averaged a 25-point deficit; this includes Raines outscoring its three playoff opponents 137-9; and

WHEREAS: As he did in the 2017 championship game, Vikings senior running back Brandon Marshall scored the 2018 matchup's first points with a touchdown. Another 7 points were added in the first half following a run into the end zone by senior wide receiver Jamond Handy. The Vikings' scoring resumed late in the game, when senior quarterback Barron Coates connected with Marshall for a 74-yard passing touchdown, which was quickly followed by a Vikings interception returned for a touchdown by junior cornerback Treyvon Hobbs. Other playmakers include junior starting quarterback Jacorey Rivers and junior kicker Nigel Smith, who scored three extra points.

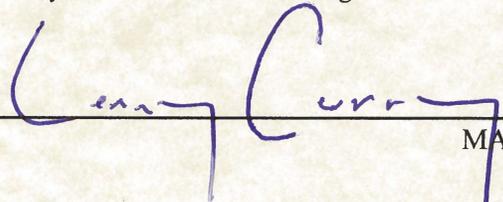
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby celebrate and congratulate

BACK-TO-BACK FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONS: RAINES HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the players and coaches for an outstanding season.



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


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA