



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Since 1958, National Library Week has been sponsored by the American Library Association and observed in all types of libraries, including public, school, academic, and special, across the country each April and is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers, and promote library use and support; and

WHEREAS: The theme for the 2021 National Library Week is "Welcome to Your Library," and promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services; and

WHEREAS: Libraries serve as a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status by offering services and educational programming that transform lives and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS: During the COVID-19 pandemic, library workers continued to exceed their communities' demands and adapted resources and services to meet their users' needs during these challenging times; and

WHEREAS: Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer endless opportunities to reshape lives through education and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS: In Jacksonville and across the country, libraries and library workers are champions for reading, writing, and literacy, which correlates to better access to economic opportunity, improved health, democracy and peace, self-esteem, and overall quality of life.

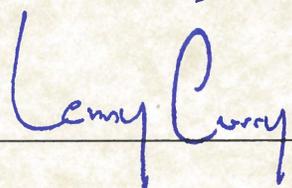
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 4th – 10th, 2021 as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize libraries and library workers for their dedication to our city and support local libraries and utilize the expansive resources they have to offer, both in person and virtually.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 23rd day of March in the year Two Thousand 21.


MAYOR