

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE

WHEREAS: The International Association of Lions Clubs was founded in 1917 by

Chicago-area businessman Melvin Jones; and

WHEREAS: In 1925, Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in

the crusade against darkness"; and

WHEREAS: The Motto of Lions Club International is "We Serve" and the Multiple

District 35 Lions Club are valuable service clubs in their respective communities and are members of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization with 1.4 million members of 46,000 clubs

in more than 200 countries and geographical areas; and

WHEREAS: The mission of all Multiple District 35 Lions Club locally and throughout

the State of Florida, Aruba, Bahamas, Bonaire, and Curacao is to help the visually and hearing impaired, support efforts to teach youth how to make good decisions about their lives, and to encourage community service

without personal financial reward; and

WHEREAS: Activities of the Multiple District 35 Lions Clubs include providing glasses

and hearing aids to individuals with limited financial means; providing vision screening to pre-school children; collecting and recycling used eyeglasses for the less fortunate and to transport to countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America; donating children's books to local elementary schools; providing pancake breakfasts and dinners in support of several local charitable activities; highway, road and beach clean ups; supplying

food to the less fortunate; and supporting other Lions Club entities; and

WHEREAS: In Jacksonville and throughout Florida, the Multiple District 35 Lions Clubs

are celebrating 100 Years of Service to the State of Florida, Aruba,

Bahamas, Bonaire, and Curaco this weekend.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of

Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 1st, 2021 as

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 35 LIONS CLUB DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the contributions of citizenship and service that the Multiple District 35 Lions Clubs bring to our local communities.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, this | 9th day of March in the year Two Thousand 2

MAYOR