



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

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: Locally, 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: In 2001, the First Coast Business Alliance, Inc. (FCBA) emerged from the former MED Week Steering Committee. For the last 25 years, this organization has sponsored annual MED Week celebrations along the First Coast; 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.

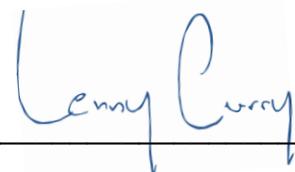
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 31-November 4, 2022 as

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 12th Day of Oct. in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA