



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: The first Wednesday of every month, Downtown Vision, Inc. hosts the First Wednesday Art Walk; and

WHEREAS: For the last 20 years, rain or shine, artists, vendors, and community members gather around James Weldon Johnson Park in the heart of Downtown; and

WHEREAS: This recurring free event brings 5,000 – 6,000 attendees to Downtown Jacksonville every month; and

WHEREAS: 40 businesses participate in this monthly event, and 30 – 40 artists and vendors display their art; and

WHEREAS: Since 2003, Art Walk has grown tremendously to now include 2 art galleries and 4 indoor spaces as well as activation in James Weldon Johnson Park, along Laura Street and down Adams Street; and

WHEREAS: Art Walk allows residents and visitors a place to connect with the arts and culture scene in Jacksonville, shop local, and spend time with members from across the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize

THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST WEDNESDAY ART WALK

and do hereby proclaim October 4, 2023 as

ART WALK DAY

In Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to come out and support Downtown Jacksonville.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 15th Day of Sep. in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MAYOR