

WHEREAS: The William M. Raines High School varsity football team recorded a

near-perfect 2017 season, capping off a 12-game win streak with a class 4A state championship victory against Cocoa High School on

December 7; and

WHEREAS: The 2017 championship marks the second time the Vikings have

earned the title, and Raines remains the only Duval County public

school to ever claim the class 4A state trophy; and

WHEREAS: The 13-10 victory over Cocoa was Raines' narrowest win of the

season. The Vikings' opponents averaged a nearly 39-point deficit over

the course of Raines' winning streak; and

WHEREAS: In the championship, Vikings running back Brandon Marshall scored

the game's first points with a 75-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Raines would hold the lead until the fourth quarter. In an 82-yard comeback march, Vikings quarterback Ivory Durham IV completed a series of conversions that ended in the winning 8-yard

touchdown pass to wide receiver Kamaree Noble; and

WHEREAS: For their notable performances this season, Durham and head coach

Deran Wiley were named the 2017 Florida Dairy Farmers Class 4A

Player and Coach of the Year.

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

FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONS: RAINES HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL

and encourage all citizens to recognize the players and coaches for a successful season.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 15th day of February in the year Two Thousand 18

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA