

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: David S. Johnson was born in Jacksonville, Florida in 1926, raised by foster parents Alice Johnson and John Henry, and graduated from Stanton High School; and

WHEREAS: After graduating, Mr. Johnson was drafted into service for the U.S. Navy, and served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II; and

WHEREAS: Upon his return from the war, Mr. Johnson applied to a fine art photography program at the California School of Fine Arts established by famed photographer Ansel Adams, making history as his first black student; and

WHEREAS: Throughout his remarkable career, Mr. Johnson has become well known for his portrayal of urban life and the culture of San Francisco's Fillmore district in the mid-20th century, and his intimate portraits of prominent African-American leaders including Langston Hughes, Thurgood Marshall, Jackie Robinson, and W. E. B. Du Bois; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Johnson has led an active life of community involvement, and earned his Master's in Social Work from Barry University to become a social worker for foster families in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS: On Saturday, June 15, 2019, Mr. Johnson will return home to Jacksonville for a presentation at the Ritz Theatre & LaVilla Museum to discuss his life and career.

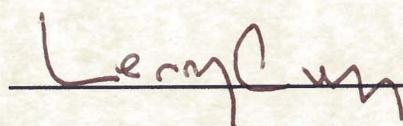
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize and honor

DAVID S. JOHNSON

as an extraordinary Jacksonville native and encourage all citizens to celebrate his many accomplishments and contributions to our nation.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 4th day of June
in the year Two Thousand 19


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA