



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Floridians of all ages living with disabilities may need the support of independent living programs to gain and maintain independence; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of independent living programs, as defined by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, is to “promote a philosophy of independent living including a philosophy of consumer control, peer support, self-help, self-determination, equal access, and individual and system advocacy, in order to maximize the leadership, empowerment, independence, and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and the integration and full inclusion of individuals with disabilities into the mainstream of American society.”; and

WHEREAS: Centers for Independent Living (CIL) are designed and operated by individuals with disabilities and provide independent living services for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Centers for Independent Living support community living and independence for people with disabilities across the nation based on the belief that all people can live with dignity, make their own choices, and participate fully in society; and

WHEREAS: Centers for Independent Living provide tools, resources, and supports for integrating people with disabilities fully into their communities to promote equal opportunities, self-determination, and respect; and

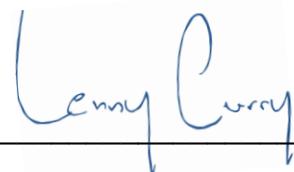
WHEREAS: Florida’s Independent Living Council, Association of Centers for Independent Living, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and each Center for Independent Living from across our great State has gathered in Jacksonville, Florida to forge a future of independence for Floridians with Disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2022 as

CIL DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of Centers for Independent Living and their programs which empower independence for people with disabilities.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 21st 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