

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS:	This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. That date is also observed annually as Human Rights Day in celebration of this milestone document; and
WHEREAS:	The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the world's most translated document, proclaims the inalienable rights of persons of every race, color, religion, gender, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status; and
WHEREAS:	Human Rights Day reminds our global population to recognize the universal values shared by all of humanity; to defend equality, justice and freedom as deterrents to violence and promoters of peace; and to stand up for our own rights and those of others; and
WHEREAS:	The United States was founded upon a belief that all people share the inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Our great nation has long played a key role in defending such freedoms worldwide; and
WHEREAS:	Since 1967, the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission has advocated for the protection of the rights of our vibrant and diverse local citizenry. This includes investigating alleged discriminatory or unfair practices in employment, housing and public accommodations; and
WHEREAS:	The citizens and City of Jacksonville proudly reaffirm our commitment

**WHEREAS:** The citizens and City of Jacksonville proudly reaffirm our commitment to civil and human rights for all individuals, and to advocate for those whose rights are being infringed upon.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2018 as

## HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the value of our shared humanity and the great importance of standing up for the rights of ourselves and others.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 7th day of December in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA