

WHEREAS: Education is a fundamental right that is afforded to all in our country.

Every citizen deserves access to the highest-quality education, be it

through public, charter, private or homeschooling options; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville recognizes the importance of preparing children to

become successful adults. Education is the most significant contributor to our future, which impacts the economic vitality and cultural vibrancy

of our city for years to come; and

WHEREAS: The children and families of Jacksonville are fortunate to have

many high-quality educational opportunities available, including neighborhood public schools, nationally recognized magnet programs, specialized career academies, high school acceleration programs,

charter schools, and private and home schools; and

WHEREAS: Our schools and learning environments have many talented and

dedicated educators committed to quality teaching and opportunities

that build and promote a lifetime of learning; and

WHEREAS: National School Choice Week, founded in 2011 and observed annually

the last full week of January, is an opportunity for millions of American students, parents and communities to celebrate high-quality

educational options available to all children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 20-26, 2019 as

## **SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to support educational opportunities that meet the needs of our children and their parents.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1 day of January in the year Two Thousand 19

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