

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** American women have contributed to the economic, cultural, political and social growth of our nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways. From the home to every role in the workforce and society, women are pioneers, reformers, educators, administrators, providers, leaders, employees and volunteers; and

**WHEREAS:** Today, women represent nearly half of America's workforce. Since the birth of our nation, they have also been behind the majority of our volunteer labor force and have been particularly instrumental in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic and cultural institutions in our country; and

**WHEREAS:** Many women have dedicated their lives to promoting equality, serving as leaders in America's major progressive social movements, including the abolitionist's movement, the Emancipation movement, the industrial labor union movement and the modern civil rights movement; and

**WHEREAS:** The monthlong observance of women's history spawned from the first International Women's Day on March 8, 1911, which later became Women's History Week, as declared by President Jimmy Carter in 1980. Since 1995, U.S. presidents annually designate the month of March as Women's History Month; and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville joins the nation in observance of women throughout history who have served as advocates, leaders and inspiration to others in pursuit of opportunity and equality for all.

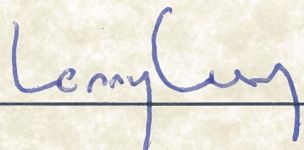
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

## **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing and honoring women in our city and throughout the world who have made our society a better place to work and live.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February  
in the year Two Thousand 19

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA