

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: The Sister City program is an affirmation of one people's basic goodwill

toward another people. It is a declaration of understanding and shared values among people of different cultures, languages and customs. It is a

recognition of the brotherhood of all mankind; and

WHEREAS: The common concerns of people of all nations transcend dividing lines of

language, customs and geography, and the relationships between cities and their respective citizens are vital to collaboration in the international arena. Those commonalities and relationships promote friendship, tolerance, and

respect for diversity; and

WHEREAS: The people of Jacksonville are proud to share relationships with the people

of Bahia Blanca, Argentina; Changwon City, South Korea; Curitiba, Brazil; Murmansk, Russia; Nantes, France; Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Yingkou, China, and the people of three friendship cities

in China: Ningbo, Shaoxing, and Suzhou; and

WHEREAS: The bonds forged through our Sister City relationships represent the very

best of the people of all communities of the world and demonstrate our limitless capacity for learning, collaboration, appreciation and generosity;

and

WHEREAS: Sister Cities Week has been designated as a time for the people of these

cities to unite in friendship, mutual respect, understanding, educational

endeavors, and initiatives that result in greater world harmony.

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

THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE JACKSONVILLE SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

And hereby proclaim July 17-23, 2022 as

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in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to celebrate this occasion and raise awareness of the cultures of other nations around the globe

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 29th Day of June in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

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