

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** On July 7, 2014, Mr. Robert A. Jones of Jacksonville passed from this world, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of true civic-mindedness and dedication to the welfare of others; and

**WHEREAS:** Robert began serving on the Mayor's Disability Council (MDC) in 2003, having worked under three mayors, playing a vital role in the relocation of the Braille and Talking Book Library to the Jacksonville Public library in Downtown Jacksonville, as well as representing Duval County in Tallahassee on Transportation Day for the past 6 years; and

**WHEREAS:** Locally, Robert served on the Jacksonville Council of the Blind (JCB) as a past president and a member since 1994; and also served on the Jacksonville Transportation Advisory Committee (JTAC), Florida Christian Fellowship for the Blind of Jacksonville, First Coast Disability Advocates (FCDA) and the Council of Elderly Affairs for Duval County; and

**WHEREAS:** On a national level, Robert was a lifetime member of the American Council of the Blind (ACB), representing ACB as an Illinois affiliate member in Washington, D.C. for Legislative Day, also becoming a charter member of ACB's Government Employees (GE) group and holding various offices; and

**WHEREAS:** As an active and faithful member of Southside Baptist Church since 2006, Robert has impacted countless lives with his spirit of generosity, tenacity and hope, not only as an advocate for evangelical missions both in Jacksonville and across the globe, but also as a generous and tireless advocate of young people, with or without disabilities; and

**WHEREAS:** Robert's life and legacy will be celebrated at a memorial service on August 5, 2014, at Southside Baptist Church in Jacksonville.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALVIN BROWN,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 5, 2014 as

## **ROBERT A. JONES DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in honoring the legacy of one of Jacksonville's true champions for those living with disabilities.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this <sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> day of *August*  
in the year Two Thousand <sup>14</sup>

  
MAYOR



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA