



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Soka Gakkai International (SGI) is an organization of 12 million members in 192 countries and territories grounded in the humanistic philosophy and the ideal of global citizenship; and

**WHEREAS:** SGI's mission is to contribute to peace, culture and education while safeguarding human rights and upholding the values of nonviolence, tolerance, and respect for the dignity of all life; and

**WHEREAS:** A new SGI-USA Buddhist Center opened in Jacksonville, Florida on November 7, 2021, serving some 800 members and their families from Jacksonville, Gainesville, Tallahassee and southwest Georgia; and

**WHEREAS:** SGI-USA continues to play an active role in the Jacksonville community, hosting educational exhibits, workshops, and talks with a variety of partner organizations; and

**WHEREAS:** Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, President of SGI, has actively encouraged investment in sustainability, and expressed the importance of developing resilience in the face of environmental disasters, a priority of Jacksonville as evidenced by the recent appointment of the Jacksonville's first Chief Resilience Officer; and

**WHEREAS:** SGI continues to work to promote peace and cooperation, protect against human rights abuses, and foster a community of global citizenship.

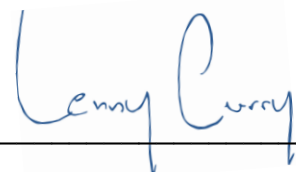
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2021 as

## **91ST ANNIVERSARY OF SOKA GAKKAI**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to support peace, culture, and education through nonviolence, tolerance, and respect for the dignity of all life.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 17th day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA