



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Florida farmers and ranchers help feed the world by producing a bounty of nutritious foods. This requires essential partnerships with urban and suburban communities to supply, sell and deliver finished products to consumers across Florida and around the globe; and

WHEREAS: The Jacksonville-Duval County Agricultural Council joins the annual National Farm-City Week celebration to recognize the importance of the cooperative network of rural and urban communities. This year marks the council's 53rd consecutive year of participation in the observance; and

WHEREAS: Our nation's rich agricultural resources contribute to the health and well-being of our country and to the strength of our economy; and

WHEREAS: Duval County's agricultural and natural resources provide an estimated \$2 billion in annual economic impact to our county, with 18,000 employed in the industry; and

WHEREAS: While performing their daily work, farmers and ranchers preserve freshwater recharge areas, wildlife habitat and greenspace. Consumers help farm families maintain their superior natural resource conservation practices by purchasing Florida agricultural products; and

WHEREAS: Farm-City Week activities celebrate the mutually beneficial relationships that support the quality of life we all enjoy. As family and friends soon gather around the Thanksgiving table, we must consider the benefit of these relationships and commend the many Floridians whose hard work and ingenuity provide us with food abundance and reflect the true spirit of our state and nation.

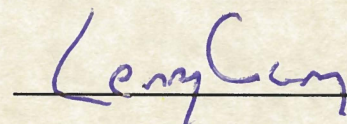
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 14 - 21, 2018 as

FARM-CITY WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of all who work together to produce and supply our community, nation and world with an abundance of agricultural products.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 12th day of November
in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA