

WHEREAS: Many of Jacksonville's youth are dynamic, knowledgeable and

responsible citizens who desire to take an active role in improving our

community; and

**WHEREAS:** These students serve as inspiring examples of good citizenship to their

peers, and their achievements and contributions to our community are

worthy of recognition; and

WHEREAS: Our youth represent our greatest resource and deserve our support

and encouragement in developing their talents, character and

leadership skills; and

WHEREAS: The Optimist International Foundation (OIF), a worldwide volunteer

organization established in 1971, helps develop, promote and manage multiple youth programs, including its annual Youth Appreciation Week, to encourage and facilitate community engagement and

citizenship among young people; and

WHEREAS: On November 6, 2018, our local Arlington Optimist Club of Jacksonville

will recognize high school students who have shown a commitment to serving and contributing to their respective schools, families, places of

worship and communities; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville joins Optimist International Foundation and

Arlington Optimist Club in recognizing and expressing appreciation to these young leaders for their positive impact within our communities

through their participation in Optimist International.

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

November 4-10, 2018 as

## YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEK

in Jacksonville and invite all citizens to encourage our young people to assume roles of leadership and responsibility that positively influence the future of our city, state, nation and world.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1st day of November in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA