

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Regular exercise is a vital component of a healthy lifestyle. Promoting an enjoyment of exercise at a young age sets positive lifestyle trends for children as they grow and develop; and

WHEREAS: Marathon High, founded in 2011, is a local nonprofit that trains teenagers for a half marathon while also engaging them in a mission of empowerment and self-improvement. Races are noncompetitive, and participants are taught the value of teamwork, positivity, and philanthropy through fundraising and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS: More than 100 volunteers coach the approximately 600 students in grades 9-12 from 19 Northeast Florida schools. Enrollment in the program is free, and participants train to run increasingly longer distances, meeting three times a week over the four-month season; and

WHEREAS: This season culminates in an 11-mile run on February 17 at Robert E. Lee High School; and

WHEREAS: Marathon High promotes the belief that building the next generation starts with strengthening the way kids connect to one another and their communities. Efforts that support Jacksonville's youth are beneficial to the well-being of our entire community.

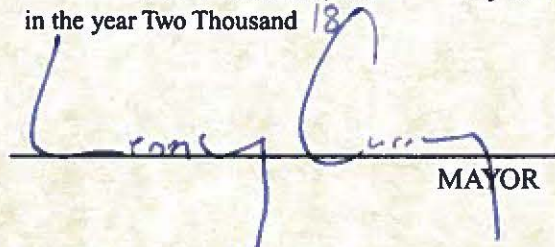
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 17, 2018 as

MARATHON HIGH DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize this organization's efforts to make a positive impact in the lives of our young people.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 15th day of February
in the year Two Thousand 18


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA