

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Jacksonville is home to the nation's largest urban parks system, with more than 400 recreational spaces located throughout Duval County; and

WHEREAS: Launched in 2011, Kids to Parks Day is held annually on the third Saturday of May and is a nationwide celebration of the great outdoors. The National Park Trust established the observance as a way to connect kids and families with their local, state and national parks and public lands; and

WHEREAS: Kids to Parks Day empowers and encourages kids to enjoy first-hand learning about park stewardship, outdoor recreation, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), and history; and

WHEREAS: It also promotes play and an active lifestyle that contribute to good health habits and combat potential lifelong health conditions such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension and high cholesterol; and

WHEREAS: By increasing the awareness of outdoor opportunities, we are creating the next generation of park stewards and caretakers, and ensuring these treasures are enjoyed for generations to come; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and Jax Mayorthon Kids Club invite all children and families to explore the outdoors on May 19 as part of the eighth annual Kids to Parks Day.

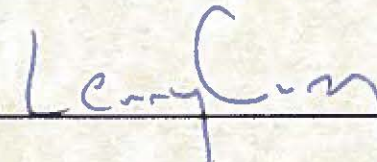
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2018 as

KIDS TO PARKS DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to make time on this occasion to take the children in their lives to enjoy a neighborhood, state or national park.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 17th day of May
in the year Two Thousand 18


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA