

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Nine years have passed since 16-year-old Tiphne Hollis of Jacksonville was riding in a car with family and friends on March 20, 2010, and shots rang out. Tiphne was fatally struck by a stray bullet, and her murder remains unsolved; and

**WHEREAS:** The Jacksonville community continues to mourn the loss of this promising Ed White High School student, as well as the untimely deaths of too many other victims of violent crimes; and

**WHEREAS:** The Tiphne Dar'Shay Hollis (TDH) Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization established by her family, is committed to raising awareness of senseless gun violence. The foundation leads charitable acts, supports youth and educational opportunities, and hosts outreach events with the goal of building a safer community and a bright future for all of Jacksonville's children; and

**WHEREAS:** The TDH Foundation continues to honor Tiphne's memory through community enrichment efforts and support to local families suffering from the devastating loss of loved ones to gun violence. The City of Jacksonville is also proud to support the afterschool programs of the TDH Christian Academy, a school started by Tiphne's mother, Shanda Whitaker-Ward, in memoriam; and

**WHEREAS:** On March 20, 2019, a candlelight vigil and walk are being hosted by Tiphne's family, friends and supporters to advocate for safety in our community, especially for our youth.

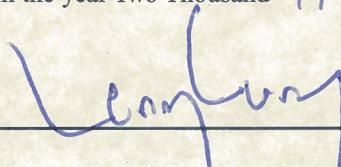
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 13-20, 2019 as

## **TIPHNE D. HOLLIS WEEK**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in honoring Tiphne's life by supporting the mission of organizations, like the TDH Foundation, that are working to ensure safer communities for all.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January  
in the year Two Thousand 19

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA