

WHEREAS: A strong arts and culture community can be a significant driver of

economic success and builds a shared community identity; and

WHEREAS: Public art is essential to the quality of life for Jacksonville citizens and

contributes to the vibrancy of our city; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville created the Art in Public Places Program (APP)

in 1997, designating a percentage of all eligible city construction projects

to add to the City's public art collection; and

WHEREAS: Since its creation, APP has acquired 115 pieces of art—including works

from local, regional and national artists—that are installed in

neighborhoods and public locations throughout Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS: APP is administered on behalf of the City by the Cultural Council of

Greater Jacksonville and was designed to raise public awareness, knowledge and appreciation of the arts through direct experiences; and

Public Art Week is an annual celebration of Jacksonville's public art and highlights the many benefits created from investments in art accessible

by all citizens; and

WHEREAS:

WHEREAS: To promote 2019 Public Art Week, Hemming Park is hosting a concert

on June 22 and unveiling a new sculpture garden to highlight public art

in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 17-23, 2019 as

## **PUBLIC ART WEEK**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to explore, engage and support public art in our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 16 h day of June in the year Two Thousand

MAYOR