



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: African-Americans have for centuries led, persevered, and inspired the pursuit of equality, justice, and freedom, often in the face of extreme prejudice and suffering, and Jacksonville is committed to diversity, inclusion, and mutual respect as a fundamental aspect of a healthy, thriving community; and

WHEREAS: February is recognized throughout the country as Black History Month, established by Carter G. Woodson in 1926 in honor of the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. This month-long celebration furthers the awareness and knowledge of black history and its contributions to the unique framework of America; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville has a rich history which includes key leaders in the advancement and furtherance of civil rights nationwide and it is important for our community to recognize the sacrifices and impact to our society made by our citizens; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville natives Eartha M.M. White, James Weldon Johnson, A. Philip Randolph, Rutledge Pearson, Earl M. Johnson, and Dr. Arnett Girardeau are among those with rich legacies inspired by leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and Harriet Tubman; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the month of February, activities, entertainment and events are held to celebrate, preserve, and inspire the ongoing push toward justice, equality, fairness, and freedom; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville shares in recognizing the influential and inspiring citizens, champions, and pioneers who broke barriers, and played a key role in shaping our nation's past and continue to contribute to its future.

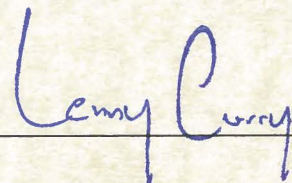
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 2021 as

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in honoring the legacy and celebrating the contributions of historic and current leaders who have continued to work toward equality in our nation.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1st day of Feb.
in the year Two Thousand 21



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA