



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Jacksonville's businesses recognize the importance of having a diverse and inclusive workforce and celebrates those with IDD's such as Autism, Down Syndrome, and other intellectual and developmental differences and the lasting contributions and diverse skills they bring to the Northeast Florida workforce; and

WHEREAS: Shopability Saturday is the first of its kind in the country and is designed to highlight the businesses who hire individuals with IDD's and showcase the talents that these individuals bring to the workforce by raising awareness and providing equal opportunity for all by advancing employment for people with disabilities in the Jacksonville community; and

WHEREAS: Shopability Saturday is designed to encourage the citizens of Jacksonville to support the more than 150 businesses who are IDD-inclusive and experience the abilities of the employees who live each day with a disability; and

WHEREAS: Shopability is a spinoff of Connectable, a public awareness campaign that launched in 2017 that focused on the ability of people and their talents, rather than their disability; and

WHEREAS: The participating businesses are dedicated to hiring individuals with IDD's and providing them with training to be an integral part of the workforce in Northeast Florida; and

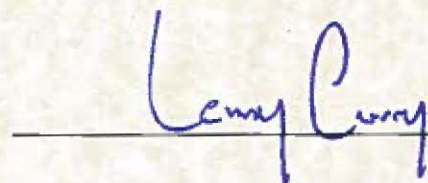
WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville and our IDD-inclusive businesses promote the importance of inclusion, especially when it comes to business, opportunity, and innovation, and acknowledge that when we diversify our workforce, we create opportunities for growth and improvement not just for those with disabilities, but for all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2021 as

SHOPABILITY SATURDAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to patron the businesses who provide opportunity and hope for those living with IDD's in our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 4th day of March
in the year Two Thousand



MAYOR



CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA