



PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS: Summer Learning Week is a time for citizens to reflect on the importance of keeping young people learning, safe, and healthy every summer, ensuring they return to school in the autumn ready to succeed in the school year ahead; and

WHEREAS: Additionally, there is a role for summer youth employment programs to engage older youth. With the support of the community and business leaders, our youth can learn, gain real world experience, contribute to their community and economy, and experience safer environments through summer jobs, internships, mentoring, and volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS: The Wallace Foundation's largest-ever summer learning study conducted by the RAND Corporation found that low-income students experienced a higher number of setbacks over the summer compared to their wealthier peers; and

WHEREAS: Summer learning programs are proven to maintain and advance students' academic, social, and emotional growth, keeping children safe and healthy over the summer, and sending young people back to school ready to learn; and

WHEREAS: A wide variety of public agencies, community-based organizations, schools, libraries, museums, recreation centers, summer camps, and businesses in the Jacksonville community contribute to the well-being of youth through summer programming; and

WHEREAS: In Jacksonville, summer learning experiences are a critical component of our community's collective effort to ensure Duval County's educational recovery and that all students continue to grow and thrive through and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 12th – 16th 2021 as

SUMMER LEARNING WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the tremendous impact that summer programs have on young people in our community and urge our citizens to support these various programs.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 28th day of June
in the year Two Thousand 21

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA