



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: On July 11, 2021 the people of Cuba rose up to protest against the oppressive policies of the communist government and call for economic and political reforms; and

WHEREAS: The Cuban government retaliated against these peaceful demonstrations with extreme brutality, detentions, and other human rights abuses, igniting fear in those seeking to bring freedom and opportunity to their country. Estimates say that more than 1,500 individuals are lost and unaccounted for, and report many being dragged from their homes in the cover of darkness; and

WHEREAS: The United States of America is founded upon the ideals of equality and liberty, as evident in the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution, and has been a strong advocate for the establishment of democratic governments and these same ideals in nations throughout the world; and

WHEREAS: At its foundation, Jacksonville is a city that fully embraces freedom and liberty, dating back to the first European settlement in modern day America being founded here in 1562 by the French Huguenots who left their homeland in search of a place where they could freely practice their religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS: The people of our nation stand in steadfast support of those seeking freedom and recognition of their human rights, and oppose the oppressive actions taken against those individuals by the communist government of Cuba.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 14, 2021 as

CUBAN FREEDOM DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of the atrocities being committed and support those seeking freedom and a better life for the island nation.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 14th day of Aug.
in the year Two Thousand

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA