PROCLAMATION

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- **WHEREAS:** Golf is an \$84.1 billion industry with approximately 36.9 million golfers playing around 500 million rounds at American golf facilities in 2020, reflecting a 14 percent increase over 2019; and
- **WHEREAS:** Throughout golf's centuries-long history, the sport has provided physical and social benefits for millions of enthusiasts of various backgrounds and ages; and
- **WHEREAS:** Northeast Florida golf courses provide significant benefits to our local economy, quality of life, and culture; and
- **WHEREAS:** THE PLAYERS Championship has been a hallmark of Northeast Florida since 1977, and was the first tournament played on the world-famous TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course in March 1982; and
- **WHEREAS:** As the flagship event of the PGA TOUR, THE PLAYERS has a \$212 million annual economic impact in Northeast Florida, and through its global distribution to over 200 countries and territories, showcases Jacksonville as a leading travel destination to millions of fans across the world; and
- **WHEREAS:** Since its inception, THE PLAYERS has demonstrated support for the Northeast Florida community and contributed to golf's annual \$3.9 billion charitable impact by generating more than \$100 million for Jacksonville-area nonprofit organizations; and
- **WHEREAS:** In addition to youth enrichment, education, military support, character development, and health and wellness, THE PLAYERS is dedicated to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in the community.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 2021 as

GOLF MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to #MakeGolfYourThing by sharing in the celebration of the game and its impact on our region.

	IN WITNESS THEREOF, this $27^{\text{th}}_{\text{day of }}$ in the year Two Thousand 21
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CITY OF JACKSONV	'ILLE, FLORIDA