



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** The lack of consistent access to nutritious and adequate amounts of food poses a life-threatening challenge to many members of our community; and

**WHEREAS:** One in seven people within Duval County are food insecure and nearly 240,000 people living in the First Coast region, including 76,000 children, are affected by this issue, which has been amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS:** Hunger and food insecurity affect every aspect of an individual's life and everyone deserves to have access to affordable and healthy foods; and

**WHEREAS:** Feeding Northeast Florida has led the fight to combat hunger and food insecurity in our community. They play a crucial role in coordinating with schools, churches, soup kitchens, community organizations, and individuals to help support and advocate for individuals facing these issues; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2020, Feeding Northeast Florida served over 2.8 million people in Jacksonville and the surrounding areas, working with nearly 300 community partners, the food bank distributed over 3.8 million pounds of food to those in need in 2020; and

**WHEREAS:** We all must continue to work to support those facing hunger and food insecurity within our community.

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

## HUNGER ACTION MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join in the fight against hunger and food insecurity here on the First Coast and recognize Feeding Northeast Florida's important work to advocate and support those facing hunger in our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this *20th* day of *Aug.* in the year Two Thousand *21*

*Lenny Curry*  
MAYOR