PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Since 2007, National Senior Center Month is celebrated every year in September, as recognized by the National Council on Aging and National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC), to celebrate senior centers across the country and the incredible work they do to enrich and extend the lives of older adults; and

WHEREAS: The origin of National Senior Center Month can be found in National Senior Center Week, which was first celebrated annually in May 1979 to recognize the more than 10,000 senior centers throughout the nation and gain wide support through organizations like the National Council on Aging, the U.S. Conference of Mayors Aging Task Force, and the full Senate and House Select Committee on Aging; and

WHEREAS: In 1985, President Ronald Reagan signed the first Senior Center Week Presidential Proclamation with the support of the National Institute of Senior Centers (NISC) and by 2007 the idea behind National Senior Center Week became so popular that NISC expanded the celebration of senior centers to an entire month by designating each September to be the month of celebration; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville has 20 senior centers throughout the city that focus on social, educational, and wellness programs by providing seniors with wellness programming, nutritious meals, and no cost transportation; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville is proud of our thriving senior community and understands that senior centers are paramount to the overall health of the more than 120,000 senior citizens who call Jacksonville home.
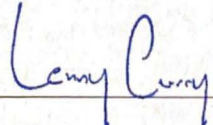
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to celebrate older adults' contributions to our community and to recognize the importance of those who serve them daily.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 20th day of July in the year Two Thousand 21

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA