



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Human trafficking is a crime that occurs in every city in every state, wherein victims are forced, tricked, or coerced into performing labor or commercial sex acts against their will. It is a pervasive issue that affects individuals of all backgrounds and demographics; and

**WHEREAS:** According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, Florida ranks third in the United States for reported human trafficking cases, and Jacksonville ranks 42 out of the top 100 most populous U.S. cities based on cases created by the hotline; and

**WHEREAS:** Increased community education about how to identify human trafficking along with increased awareness of resources and services for those affected by criminal exploitation can help restore freedom and dignity to survivors as well as decrease the number of future victims; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville is dedicated to ending human trafficking. Effectively combating human trafficking requires commitment by all and collaboration between federal, state and local governments, the private sector, philanthropy and nonprofit partners; and

**WHEREAS:** Rethreaded, a Jacksonville nonprofit, is a leader in supporting women who are survivors of human trafficking by renewing hope, reigniting dreams, and releasing potential. They provide jobs and training for survivors and have employed over 70 local women.

**WHEREAS:** Human Trafficking Prevention Month is an opportunity to recognize the critical role all community members play in prevention and intervention of human trafficking.

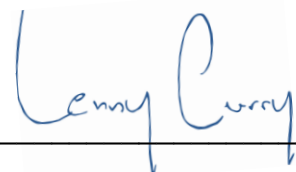
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 2022 as

## **NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of the prevalence of human trafficking and to work towards solutions to end trafficking in our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 18th day of Jan. in the year  
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA