

- **WHEREAS:** The month of March is nationally recognized as Women's History Month, a time of reflection and expression of gratitude for the valuable contributions women make to our society; and
- **WHEREAS:** In observance of Women's History Month, PACE Center for Girls recognizes that every woman was once a girl, full of promise and potential; and
- **WHEREAS:** Each year, thousands of girls are referred to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, the majority of which have experienced significant trauma, instability, sexual violence, and/or academic failure; and
- **WHEREAS:** As a nationally recognized, holistic, research-based, and genderresponsive program, PACE's mission is to prevent girls from entering the juvenile justice system through its programming throughout the state of Florida; and
- **WHEREAS:** Jacksonville joins PACE in recognizing the need for prevention and intervention programming and promotes a vision that every girl should have the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

BELIEVING IN GIRLS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the many contributions of PACE Center for Girls in helping young women reach their full potential, both locally and statewide.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 15th day of Feb. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE. FLORIDA