



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: In 1822, an estimated 250 people resided in the St. Johns River area, along both banks of the river, and the potential for a town at the Cow Ford was recognized by those who traveled to the area, principal among them, Isaiah D. Hart, who undertook and completed a 20-block survey of the town, and

WHEREAS: Two hundred years ago on June 15, 1822, sixty-one residents of the St. Johns River settlement signed a petition, addressed to then U.S. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams, entreating him to designate "Jacksonville," in the U.S. Territory of Florida, as a port of entry; and

WHEREAS: While it would be nearly ten years, in February 1832, before the territorial legislature granted a local government charter to Jacksonville, those sixty-one residents, informally known as the Cowford 61, began using the name "Jacksonville" from June 1822 and thereafter; and

WHEREAS: Act number 70 of the Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida passed the charter on February 9, 1832, and established the "Town of Jacksonville"; and

WHEREAS: In 1842, Jacksonville's boundaries were revised to include the South Bank of the St. Johns River, Hogan's Creek, "the King's Road", McCoy's Creek, and Hendrick's point; and

WHEREAS: The citizens of Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida acknowledge and commend the efforts of the Cowford 61 to establish a fitting and proper designation for what is now the largest city by area in the contiguous United States of America.

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

THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

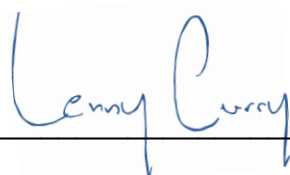
and proclaim June 11, 2022 as

THE BICENTENNIAL OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of the Cowford 61 to establish what is now known as the City of Jacksonville, Florida



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 11th day in May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two



MAYOR