



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville is proud to be a beautiful mosaic of citizens from diverse ethnic, cultural, and racial backgrounds. One group that has been among the fastest growing in recent decades is our Hispanic population; and

**WHEREAS:** Currently, more than 96,000 individuals who identify as Hispanic live in Duval County, making up over 10% of the county's population. That is a 2.8% increase in the Hispanic population since 2010; and

**WHEREAS:** We affirm that diversity is a source of strength for our city and an indispensable pillar for our growth. Every person who calls our city their home must have the opportunity to thrive in our city; and

**WHEREAS:** In 1992, four Hispanic entrepreneurs in Northeast Florida banded together to unify the Hispanic business community under the Hispanic American Business Association (HABA); and

**WHEREAS:** Over the last 30 years, HABA has grown into the thriving First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (FCHCC); and

**WHEREAS:** The FCHCC offers a place for Hispanic business owners and community members to network, gain new skills, and support Hispanic-owned businesses here in our community; and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville is proud to be home to a vibrant, growing, and thriving Hispanic-owned business community; and

**WHEREAS:** To create a culture of collaboration across our differences, I call upon all residents of Jacksonville to learn more about our Latino neighbors during this Hispanic Heritage Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2023 as

## HISPANIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

In Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital role the First Coast Hispanic Chamber of Commerce plays and support Hispanic-owned businesses in our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 11th Day of Sep. in the year  
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

  
MAYOR