

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: The Coptic Orthodox Church is believed to have been

founded in 42 A.D. by St. Mark. It boasts 15 million members in Egypt, and over one million members

throughout the rest of the globe; and

**WHEREAS:** The Coptic Orthodox Church has a rich history spanning

nearly 2000 years; and

**WHEREAS:** Coptic Christians have founded monasticism, the

Alexandria School of Theology, various historical documents, and records, among other significant

contributions; and

WHEREAS: The Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United

States, led by Bishop Youssef, represents the Coptic Christians living in Jacksonville and throughout the

region; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville joins in recognizing the 4<sup>th</sup>

annual Global Coptic Day to celebrate the accomplishments of Coptic Christians in our community

and across the globe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2022 as

## **GLOBAL COPTIC DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the contributions of and celebrate the rich history of the Coptic Orthodox Church.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this  $24^{\text{th}}$  day in May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

MAYOR