



# PROCLAMATION

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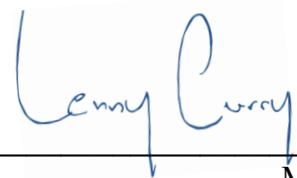
- WHEREAS:** Jacksonville is proud to host an array of citizens from diverse ethnic, cultural, and racial backgrounds. One group that has been growing in recent decades is our Hispanic population; and
- WHEREAS:** Currently, more than 96,000 individuals who identify as Hispanic live in Duval County, making up over 10% of the county's population. That is a 2.8% increase in the Hispanic population since 2010; and
- WHEREAS:** 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 facilitate Hispanic-owned businesses here in our community; and
- WHEREAS:** Jacksonville is proud to host a vibrant and thriving Hispanic-owned business community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2022 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year Two Thousand Twenty Two.

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

MAYOR