



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Founded in 1998, Jacksonville Caribbean Carnival, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness, understanding, open dialogue, and appreciation of Caribbean people and culture within Jacksonville; and

**WHEREAS:** Since 2005, Jacksonville Caribbean Carnival, Inc. has hosted an annual Caribbean Carnival celebration right in the heart of Downtown Jacksonville. With a costumed street parade, festival of food, art, and crafts, and a concert featuring various Caribbean cultures, the Caribbean Carnival celebrates the Caribbean neighbors in our community; and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville is proud of its diversity. We celebrate the various cultures that exist within it, and highlight the different ethnic and racial backgrounds that contribute to the beautiful mosaic that is Jacksonville; and

**WHEREAS:** The 2023 Caribbean Carnival highlights the positive contributions made by Caribbean individuals who have relocated to or grown up in Jacksonville; and

**WHEREAS:** This annual celebration, full of food, and art, allows Caribbean natives and every citizen of Jacksonville to learn, participate in, and appreciate the traditions and history of Caribbean nations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 6 – 14, 2023 as

## **CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL WEEK**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to come out and celebrate with the Caribbean neighbors in our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 13th Day of July in the year  
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA