



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: On August 26, 1920, women officially gained the right to vote with the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This Amendment marked the end of a three-generation struggle for women's right to vote and progress toward voting rights for women of color; and

WHEREAS: The passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment was possible because local, state, and national organizations and activists fought together for change at every level of society and government; and

WHEREAS: In Jacksonville, Suffragists Roselle Cooley, Frances Anderson, and other energetic women organized the Florida Equal Franchise League, which expanded into other communities in Florida; and

WHEREAS: By November 1920, the movement had spread to 13 other Florida counties and the Florida Equal Franchise League became a pivotal influencing group in Florida's suffrage movement; and

WHEREAS: As we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, let us recognize the contributions of suffragists which ultimately paved the way for women to fully participate in democracy and fundamentally change the role of civic life in Jacksonville, the State of Florida, and our Nation.

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

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to honor the ideals that fueled the suffrage movement and learn about the people who lead the way for women's suffrage.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this *19th* day of *August*
in the year Two Thousand *Twenty*

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA