



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Duval County and Jacksonville city governments officially consolidated on October 1, 1968. A referendum, approved by nearly 65 percent of Duval County voters on August 8, 1967, ushered in the newly merged government; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Hans Tanzler, who was elected prior to the referendum, became the first post-consolidation mayor, and City Council expanded to 19 seats; and

WHEREAS: This consolidation made Jacksonville the second city in Florida, and only the 10th in the country, to merge municipal and county services under a unified government; and

WHEREAS: Following the union of county and city limits, Jacksonville became the largest city by land mass in the world, a title it still holds among cities in the contiguous United States. With its borders encompassing 841 square miles, Jacksonville is 20 times larger than its pre-consolidation size; and

WHEREAS: The consolidation broadened the municipal tax base, allowing for a centralized entity to disburse vital services like education, public works and building code enforcement, among other critical needs of citizens; and

WHEREAS: Without consolidation, Jacksonville would not be representative of the diversity, vibrancy and collaborative spirit of communities we see today.

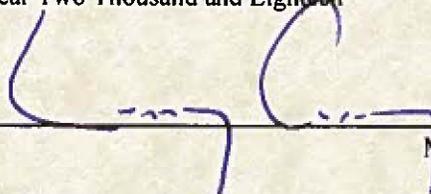
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby commemorate

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONSOLIDATION

on October 1, 2018, in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in our continued mission and commitment for *One City. One Jacksonville.*



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1st day of October in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA