



ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Each year, May is recognized nationally as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and May 18 is the birthday of Vincent Chin, who was brutally murdered in a hate crime in 1982 and whose murder fueled a national Asian American activist movement that continues to this day; and

**WHEREAS:** The United States has seen a staggering rise in the number of bullying, discrimination, and hate crimes against members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS:** In the AAPI community, this problem is often compounded by cultural, religious, and linguistic barriers that can keep these youth from seeking and receiving help, and certain AAPI groups—including South Asian, Muslim, Sikh, Micronesian, LGBT, immigrant, and limited English proficient youth—are more likely to be the targets of bullying; and

**WHEREAS:** Statistics show that 1 in 4 Asian American youth face COVID-19 related bullying, two-thirds of Sikh American students are victims of bullying, and half of Muslim American students report being bullied because of their religion; and

**WHEREAS:** Act To Change is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting bullying in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community whose vision is a world where all youth, including those within the AAPI community, have the opportunity to grow up feeling proud and supported in the development of their identities and sharing of their stories and empower students by advocating for systemic change and providing resources to promote healthy communities; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville is committed to bringing awareness to this important issue and understands the valuable work that Act To Change does everyday to help the AAPI community locally and nationally.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2021 as

**AAPI DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND HATE**

in Jacksonville and encourages citizens to foster dialogue, share resources, and learn more about what they can do to fight bullying in all communities throughout our city.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year Two Thousand '21

*Lenny Curry*  
MAYOR