



PROCLAMATION

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- WHEREAS:** There are over 50 million people with disabilities of all ages living in communities throughout the United States and disabled Americans are roughly 7 percentage points less likely than nondisabled people to participate in elections; and
- WHEREAS:** The passage of civil rights laws, including the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and the Help America Voting Act (HAVA), ensure that people with disabilities have the fundamental right to vote in all elections; and
- WHEREAS:** The disability community has a critical interest in policies enacted at local, state, and national levels that effect the integration of people with disabilities, young and old, into our communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Getting the disability community involved in influencing public policies is essential if these policies are to meet the real needs of people with disabilities to live in the community; and
- WHEREAS:** Voting is one way for the disability community to exert their influence at local, state, and national elections; and
- WHEREAS:** There are multiple efforts to develop state disability coalitions around the issue of voting; and
- WHEREAS:** "REV UP: Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!" is a national effort, with Access the Vote Florida as the state chapter, to encourage state and local disability community voting coalitions.

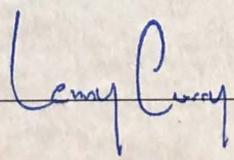
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim the September 13 to 20, 2021 as

NATIONAL DISABILITY VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to advocate for issues affecting the disability community and empower individuals with disabilities to register to vote.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this *8th* day of *Sep.*
in the year Two Thousand *and twenty-one.*


MAYOR