



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville is proud to host an array of citizens from diverse ethnic, cultural, and racial backgrounds. Currently, Jacksonville is considered the Filipino American capital of Florida; and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville is home to the highest number of Filipino American Military members, both active and retired, in the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2009, the United States Congress passed a resolution recognizing October as Filipino American History Month; and

**WHEREAS:** With a presence in the United States since 1837, Filipino Americans have made significant contributions in the fields of agriculture, fishing, and economics; and

**WHEREAS:** Filipino Americans make up the second-largest Asian-American group in the United States and hundreds of thousands have served in the United States Military Forces since World War II; and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville is undeniably a military town. Jacksonville continues to hold strong ties to both the military and many diverse ethnic groups; and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville continues to honor the history, customs, and traditions of our Filipino American community members and recognize the vital role they play in shaping Jacksonville's shared history and culture.

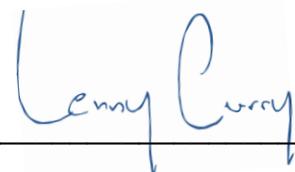
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as

## **FILIPINO AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to celebrate Filipino American history and culture in our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 12th Day of Oct. in the year  
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA