



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Edward Waters University has been at the forefront of education, faith, and empowering generations of leaders in Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS: Founded in 1866, Edward Waters became the first independent institution of higher education and the first historically black college in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS: Over the last 156 years, Edward Waters has built up a strong culture of community, service, and faith in Jacksonville. It continues to hold a unique and vital role in our city and our educational landscape; and

WHEREAS: Edward Waters Alumni continue to act as dedicated servant leaders in Jacksonville and throughout the country; and

WHEREAS: In 2021, Edward Waters grew from Edward Waters College to Edward Waters University; and

WHEREAS: Dr. A. Zachary Faison took office as the 30th President of Edward Waters, during its tenure as college. Dr. Faison led the institution through periods of unprecedented challenge, marked by a global pandemic, and saw to Edward Waters' phenomenal growth and expansion; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Faison will continue to build on the historic legacy Edward Waters University has built as a hub of learning, faith, and culture in the Jacksonville community.

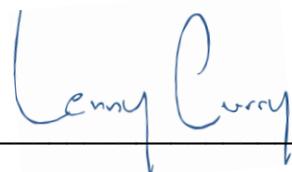
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby celebrate

THE INAUGURATION OF DR. A ZACHARY FAISON AS THE FIRST PRESIDENT AND CEO OF EDWARD WATERS UNIVERSITY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to celebrate Edward Waters University students, staff, and alumni's contributions to the community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1st Day of Nov. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

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

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA