



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Mandarin High School's varsity football team collected its first-ever Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) class 8A state title in Orlando on December 8 with an exciting 37-35 victory over Miami's Christopher Columbus High School, who entered the game undefeated; and

WHEREAS: The Mustangs and head coach Bobby Ramsay headed into their first-ever finals appearance following a strong playoff run in which they outscored their opponents 140-46. The 2018 team's 6-win regular season represents the perseverance, dedication and diligence of a team who endured a challenging 2017 season; and

WHEREAS: Mandarin is only the second Duval County public school to win a state football title, and the varsity team earned the school its first title in any major team sport; and

WHEREAS: After the Mustangs answered the Explorers' first points of the game in the first quarter, Mandarin held the lead for the remainder. Junior quarterback Carson Beck led the team's momentum, connecting with senior wide receivers DeMario Douglas and Kris Mitchell for five touchdowns; Douglas' four touchdown receptions set a state finals record. Other playmakers include seniors Darian Oxendine and Kasimir Absolu, who each collected an interception, along with Mitchell; junior kicker Hudson Levine, who tacked on four extra point conversions and a field goal; and junior linebacker Jerome Jolly, who made the final stop in Columbus' rally in the closing minutes of the game. The Explorers' blocked two-point conversion attempt sought to tie the game with just over a minute left.

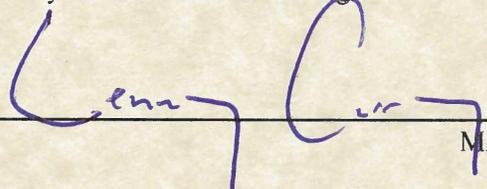
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby celebrate and congratulate

**FHSAA STATE CHAMPIONS:
MANDARIN HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the players and coaches for an outstanding season.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19th day of December
in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA