



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: 1-in-3 kids in the United States grow up without a sustained adult mentor; and

WHEREAS: Investing in young people's futures pays off, with a social return on investment of \$18-to-1 through improved economic, health, and social outcomes for young people with mentors. Changing the course of young lives can shape our community's social and economic future; and

WHEREAS: For more than 109 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida has been serving the Jacksonville community by creating thousands of mentorship matches; and

WHEREAS: Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors serve thousands of youth across Jacksonville, pushing youth to follow their ambition, gain confidence, build better relationships, avoid risky behaviors, and push for academic success; and

WHEREAS: The guidance and support that comes from mentorship can stay with the community's youth, fostering a future generation of successful, compassionate, and caring leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS MONTH

In Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to Be Big by becoming a volunteer, mentor, and champion for youth with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 7th Day of Sep. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA