



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Ms. E. Denise Lee was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida; and

**WHEREAS:** Following her time at Florida A&M University, Ms. Lee served on political campaigns, helping to elect some of the most prominent Democrats in Northeast Florida; and

**WHEREAS:** In 1982, Ms. Lee entered public office at the age of 30, serving as a Jacksonville City Councilwoman following the loss of Jacksonville legend, City Councilwoman Sally Mathis; and

**WHEREAS:** For the next 24 years, Ms. Lee dutifully served Jacksonville's Northside communities as a District Councilwoman and Florida State House Representative; and

**WHEREAS:** During her decades in public office, she fought valiantly for her districts, bringing in more than \$37 million in investments for public works, parks and recreation, and affordable housing projects; and

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Lee paved the way for major projects across Jacksonville's neighborhoods, secured funding for Jacksonville's institutions of higher education, pushed for healthcare reform and lower healthcare costs, and advocated for the historically underserved communities on Jacksonville's northside; and

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Lee left a tremendous legacy in Jacksonville. Her commitment to service and bettering the community will continue to be felt for generations of Jacksonville residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize the life and contributions of

## **MS. E. DENISE LEE**

In Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to celebrate Ms. Lee's legendary impact on the growth and betterment of Jacksonville.



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

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA