



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Entrepreneurship remains an important part of the fabric of America. Minority-owned businesses are a valued segment of this ideal, contributing to our national and local economies by generating revenue, creating jobs and revitalizing communities; and

**WHEREAS:** Locally, the City's Office of Economic Development and Jacksonville Small and Emerging Businesses (JSEB) program connects small business owners with the tools and resources they need for success; and

**WHEREAS:** Since 1983, Jacksonville has observed Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week with more than 2,000 local minority entrepreneurs, corporate representatives and government officials participating in a variety of networking events, activities and seminars; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2001, the First Coast Business Alliance, Inc. (FCBA) emerged from the former MED Week Steering Committee. For the last 25 years, this organization has sponsored annual MED Week celebrations along the First Coast; and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville joins FCBA in commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> annual MED Week and recognizing the valuable contributions of minority entrepreneurs to our city's business sector, economic landscape and cultural vibrancy, as well as to our community as a whole.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 18 - 22, 2023 as

## **MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to celebrate the achievements of minority entrepreneurs and recognize the efforts being made to support their businesses' growth.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 2nd Day of Aug. in the year  
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

  
MAYOR