



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: In 2013, community advocate and philanthropist Delores Barr Weaver demonstrated her commitment to improving the lives of Jacksonville citizens with the establishment of the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center; and

WHEREAS: A nonprofit entity, the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center engages communities, organizations, and individuals to advance the rights of girls and young women with dedicated emphasis on those in or at risk of justice system involvement; and

WHEREAS: The Policy Center serves to inform laws, policies, and practices that disproportionately harm girls and young women through comprehensive research, advocacy, and training assistance to prevent initial or further justice system involvement; and

WHEREAS: Since its inception, the Policy Center has served more than 3,000 girls and young women, produced 27 original research reports, created 5 model programs, partnered with the Children’s Campaign for the successful passage of five laws, and served as the model for replication in three Virginia schools; and

WHEREAS: The Policy Center has shown a 72% reduction in Duval County girls’ incarceration through programming interventions, saving Florida \$9.3 million through the Continuity of Care Model and diverting girls from incarceration; and

WHEREAS: In recognition of the tremendous work done by the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center, the City of Jacksonville honors Mrs. Weaver on her birthday with a celebratory observance of “See the Girl Day”.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 13, 2023 as

SEE THE GIRL DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to commit to raising awareness and support for services that advance the rights of girls and young women



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 25th Day of Aug. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA