



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** The Jacksonville Brotherhood of Firefighters (JBOF) is an organization composed of African-American firefighters within the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD); and

**WHEREAS:** The group formed in 1983 with 30 members. Today, as it marks its 35th anniversary on November 1, its membership count is over 200; and

**WHEREAS:** JBOF advocates for its members, performs community outreach and promotes fire service careers; and

**WHEREAS:** Among its many charitable and youth mentorship efforts, JBOF provides scholarships for fire service courses, has established an Explorer Post for youth with an interest in fire service, and works with the City to develop programs and create a path to employment with JFRD; and

**WHEREAS:** To honor the organization's anniversary, JBOF will host its inaugural Founders Day celebration with events held each of the first three days of November; and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville's firefighters and their life-saving work are worthy of respect and honor. JBOF's mission to encourage the next generation of firefighters is inspirational and benefits the entire Jacksonville community.

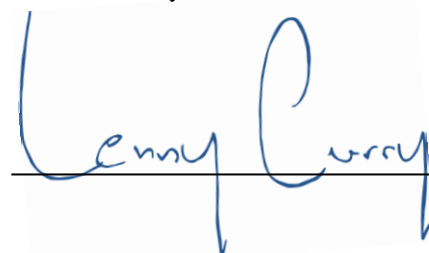
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize the

## **JACKSONVILLE BROTHERHOOD OF FIREFIGHTERS**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to celebrate the life-saving work and diverse contributions of its members over the past 35 years.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 30th day of  
October in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

  
MAYOR