

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Since its founding, the United States has placed great value on innovation, entrepreneurship, creativity and discovery; and

**WHEREAS:** This spirit is similarly celebrated in Jacksonville and recognized as integral to the future of our city, state and nation; and

**WHEREAS:** New ideas and efforts can contribute to the success of virtually every industry, from healthcare or banking, to retail or manufacturing; and

**WHEREAS:** A key component of inspiring future innovation is to encourage our young people to utilize this valuable resource and be given freedom to explore their creativity; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville is proud to support citizens' innovative efforts through such initiatives as One Spark, public art, STEM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning in afterschool programs, and small business community resources and educational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville is also rich in historic, artistic and cultural attractions that will continue to inspire citizens for generations.

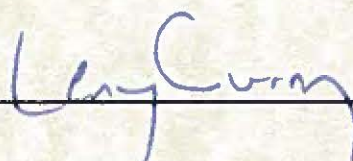
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 7, 2018 as

## INNOVATION DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the creative offerings of individuals and organizations in our city.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April  
in the year Two Thousand 18

  
MAYOR