

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Training in STEAM fields – science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics – is considered increasingly integral to building our intellectual and economic future. STEAM can be presented to children at a young age through engaging and fun activities, thereby fostering their continued passion for these subjects; and

**WHEREAS:** In an effort to introduce STEAM opportunities to young learners, the sixth annual Jacksonville Science Festival will be held at Florida State College at Jacksonville South Campus on March 1-2 and at Friendship Fountain Park and the Museum of Science and History on March 3; and

**WHEREAS:** The festival offers more than 100 student-driven, hands-on exhibits, including interactive robots and marine touch tanks. Through the various activities and shows, STEAM learning opportunities will be highlighted, showcasing the diversity of STEAM occupations and creating a direct connection to our vibrant community of artists, students, and scientists; and

**WHEREAS:** STEAM opportunities are open to people of all backgrounds, regardless of financial status, gender, or any other descriptor; and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville citizens support education and recognize the great potential STEAM learning contributes to our city, state and nation's future.

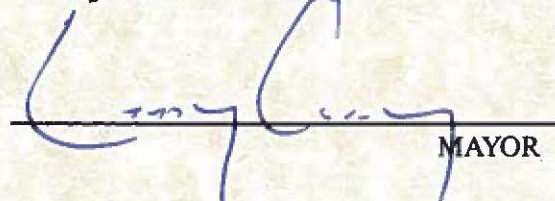
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize the

## **JACKSONVILLE SCIENCE FESTIVAL**

on March 1-3, 2018, and encourage all citizens to explore STEAM occupations and cultivate young learners' interests in these important subjects.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February  
in the year Two Thousand 18

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA