

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The greatness of our nation principally stems from the rich diversity of its people. Early in our nation's history, immigrants from all over the world, including Asia and the Pacific Isles, came to the United States and contributed to the establishment of our nation and the multifaceted fabric of our culture; and

WHEREAS: For generations, people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent have played a significant role in virtually every sector of American life. Some are on the forefront of scientific advancement and information technology. Others are members of our brave Armed Forces and have fought for the freedoms we enjoy; and

WHEREAS: In 1992, the month of May was officially designated as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month to recognize the many Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who contribute to the economic, political, intellectual and cultural diversity of our nation. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, whose work was led by Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Asian-American Advisory Board (MAAAB) has observed Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Jacksonville for more than a decade, joining others across the nation in recognizing the valuable contributions of these citizens and communities. This year's event will take place on June 23.

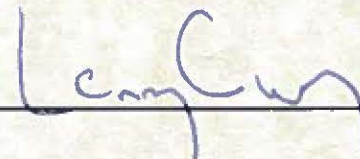
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby celebrate

ASIAN-AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to learn more about the traditions of these communities and appreciate the great diversity of our city and our country.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 30th day of May
in the year Two Thousand 18


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA