

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville is home to a vibrant and thriving arts & culture sector that contributes greatly to the cultural identity and quality of life for our region through visual, literary and performing arts; and

**WHEREAS:** The First Coast has a rich musical history spanning multiple genres, serving as the *Harlem of the South* and a hotbed for jazz music during the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and 30s, and the birthplace of Southern Rock in the 1970s; and

**WHEREAS:** Founded in 1949, the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra is one of the oldest orchestras in the state, one of the few with a dedicated rehearsal and concert space with the Robert E. Jacoby Symphony Hall at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, and is ranked among the nation's top regional orchestras with a record attendance of 255,000 in 2018; and

**WHEREAS:** Courtney Bryan, whose music has been performed and presented at prestigious venues such as the Lincoln Center, National Gallery of Art, and Blue Note Jazz Club, was announced as the Jacksonville Symphony's Mary Carr Patton Composer-in-Residence in 2018; and

**WHEREAS:** Courtney Bryan's original composition titled "Bridges"—which celebrates Jacksonville's diverse communities, rich cultural history and the bridges that connect us—will be premiered on April 4, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 4, 2019 as

## **JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY "BRIDGES" DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the numerous contributions of our city's rich arts & culture community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April  
in the year Two Thousand 19

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lenny Curry", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the word "MAYOR" is printed in capital letters.

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA