

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The greatness of our nation principally stems from the rich diversity of its people. For generations, immigrants have come from all over the world to settle in the United States and contribute to the multifaceted fabric of our society, culture and economy; and

WHEREAS: Immigrants and descendants of immigrants can be found in every sector of American life, growing businesses and the economy, innovating and sharing creativity, fighting for our freedoms and more; and

WHEREAS: For people forced to flee their home countries under threat of persecution, conflict and/or violence, the United States has also served as a refuge. On December 4, 2000, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution designating June 20 as World Refugee Day, honoring the courage and determination of those forced from their homes; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville is home to many immigrants who influence our social, cultural and economic atmosphere, fundamentally enriching the extraordinary character of our city, state and nation. Most refugees in our community emigrated from Cuba, Haiti, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq and Burma; and

WHEREAS: For their countless and varied contributions, immigrants are celebrated in the city of Jacksonville.

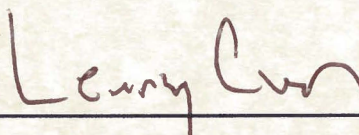
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2019 as

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the contributions of immigrants in our city and the bravery of refugees who now call our community home.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 4th day of June
in the year Two Thousand 19


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA