



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Childhood hunger can cause lifelong health problems, such as a weakened immune system, increased hospitalization rates, and impaired neural development; and

WHEREAS: Consistent nutrition among children contributes to better test scores, improved reading skills, positive behavior, improved health, and increased school attendance; and

WHEREAS: In Duval County, one in five children is food insecure, meaning they do not always know where their next meal will come from; and

WHEREAS: Blessings in a Backpack is a national 501(c)3 organization that, through an all-volunteer network, mobilizes communities, individuals and resources to provide food on the weekends for elementary school children across Northeast Florida who might otherwise go hungry; and

WHEREAS: Blessings in a Backpack provides school children who are in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program with food to take home on weekends during the school year; and

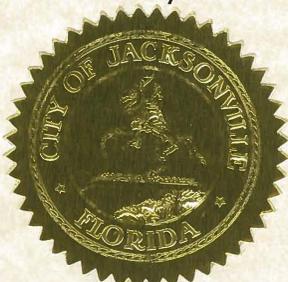
WHEREAS: Relying on the generosity of donors, First Coast Blessings in a Backpack volunteers are able to pack low-preparation, nutritious staples for children in 11 Duval County Public Schools. A \$100 donation feeds a child each weekend for an entire school year; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville supports all efforts to improve the health and wellness of our children, so that they may be successful in school and have every opportunity to achieve in life.

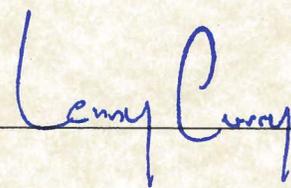
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2019 as

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the organization's efforts in fighting childhood hunger in Northeast Florida and across the country.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 21st day of August
in the year Two Thousand Nineteen



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA