

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE

WHEREAS: Many of Jacksonville's youth are dynamic, knowledgeable, and

responsible citizens who desire to take an active role in improving our

community; and

WHEREAS: These students display exemplary citizenship among their peers and

their achievements and contributions to our community are inspiring;

and

**WHEREAS:** Youth are among our greatest resource and our support is important in

developing their talents, character, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS: The Optimist International Foundation (OIF), a worldwide volunteer

organization established in 1971, helps develop, promote, and manage multiple youth programs, including its annual Youth Appreciation Week, which encourages community engagement and citizenship

among young people; and

WHEREAS: During Youth Appreciation Week, our local Arlington Optimist Club of

Jacksonville recognizes high school students who have shown a commitment to serving and contributing to their respective schools,

families, places of worship, and communities; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville joins Optimist International Foundation and

Arlington Optimist Club in expressing appreciation to these young leaders for their positive impact within our communities through their

participation in Optimist International.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 3-9, 2019 as

## YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to encourage young people to assume roles of leadership and responsibility that positively influence the future of our city, state, nation, and world.

JACKSON STATES

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 31st day of October in the year Two Thousand Nineteen

MAYOR