



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Jacksonville, Florida stand firmly committed to quality afterschool programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical and academic skills.
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.
- Build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families and adults.
- And engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children.

**WHEREAS**, Kids Hope Alliance Providers have demonstrated significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become successful adults.

**WHEREAS**, Lights On Afterschool, the national celebration of afterschool programs held this year on October 22, 2020, promotes the importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, families and communities.

**WHEREAS**, more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and 15.1 million children have no place to go after school.

**WHEREAS**, many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights.

**WHEREAS**, Jacksonville, Florida is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mayor Lenny Curry do hereby proclaim October 22, 2020, as

**"Lights On Afterschool Day";**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Mayor enthusiastically endorses Lights On Afterschool and commits our Jacksonville, Florida community to engage in innovative afterschool programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October  
in the year Two Thousand Twenty

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA