



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** City Rescue Mission (CRM) is a privately-funded 501(c)(3) corporation in Jacksonville that provides food, clothing, shelter, emergency services, and residential recovery programs to local homeless men, women, and women with children; and

**WHEREAS:** CRM was founded in 1946 by a group of local Christian businessmen with the simple vision of "soup, soap, and salvation"; and

**WHEREAS:** In the 75 years since its inception, CRM has expanded the services the organization offers to not only include emergency services at the New Life Inn on State Street, but to also the LifeBuilders Residential Addiction Recovery Program, the Crossroads Program, workforce development, Recovered Treasures Thrift Store, Charis Chocolates, and Homes of Hope; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2020, CRM served nearly 250,000 meals and provided over 80,000 bed nights for the homeless, needy and addicted in Jacksonville and in more than 20 neighboring cities and towns; and

**WHEREAS:** CRM has actively participated in the Mayor's Task Force on Downtown Homelessness since its creation in 2017, an effort to end homelessness by enhancing the services and offerings available to Jacksonville's homeless population; and

**WHEREAS:** CRM partners with community and civic leaders, businesses, and volunteers to execute the organizations mission to transform the lives of the homeless and needy through hope, healing, and change.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2021 as

## **CITY RESCUE MISSION APPRECIATION DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize City Rescue Mission's positive impact and contributions to Jacksonville's homeless, needy, and addicted populations.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this *16<sup>th</sup>* day of *March*  
in the year Two Thousand *'21*

*Lenny Curry*

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA