



PROCLAMATION

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- WHEREAS:** Dr. Bill Prince was born in New York in 1938 and moved to Detroit as a young child where he was raised in a household of talented musicians. At eight years old he picked up the trumpet and, with the influence of great jazz musicians, Dr. Prince began his lifelong relationship with music. During his college years, he participated in a three-month tour with a jazz band across Europe sparking a love of travel. After graduating from Wayne State University, Dr. Prince joined the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) Band, which is comprised of musicians from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force, who perform across the United States and Canada; and
- WHEREAS:** Dr. Prince holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree with a major in Theory and Composition from the University of Miami and has taught at Florida Atlantic University, the University of Denver, St. Francis Xavier University, and the University of North Florida; and
- WHEREAS:** With more than sixty years as a professional musician, Dr. Prince has performed with many well-known big bands and artist including Buddy Rich, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Xavier Cugat, and Nelson Riddle, and with legendary performers such as Ella Fitzgerald, Dizzie Gillespie, Doc Severinson, and Dave Brubeck, among many others. His musicianship extends beyond the trumpet as he performs professionally on flugelhorn, trombone, flute, clarinet, saxophone, piano, and electric bass; and
- WHEREAS:** Dr. Prince is a founding faculty member of the well-regarded University of North Florida jazz program that has earned national and international recognition. In addition, he was inducted into the Jacksonville Jazz Hall of Fame for his many contributions to jazz education; and
- WHEREAS:** Music has taken Dr. Prince to all 50 states and 81 different countries in Europe, the Americas, Africa, Australia, and Asia. In his sixties, Dr. Prince spent years playing music on cruise ships, sometimes filling in with big bands and sometimes leading a small jazz combo as "The Professor," giving upbeat music history lessons and wearing a mortarboard and tassel. He continues to contribute his arrangement and performance talents to several musical groups in Jacksonville, including Bold City Brass and First Coast Wind Symphony. Dr. Prince is married to Jane, his wife of 51 years, and has a son and daughter; and
- WHEREAS:** Dr. Prince's 83rd birthday and the many accomplishments and contributions to the jazz community over his long and distinguished career will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at Friday Musicale.

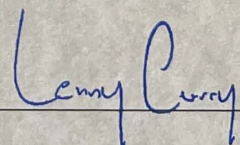
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby honor

DR. BILL PRINCE

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in celebrating his many musical accomplishments and contributions to the people of Jacksonville, our nation, and the world.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 25th day of May
in the year Two Thousand 21


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA