



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** The Cathedral Arts Project (CAP) was founded in Jacksonville in 1993 by a group of volunteers who believed that regardless of age or circumstance, every child should have access to a quality arts education; and

**WHEREAS:** The arts and humanities are particularly important for children. Studies show that arts learning improves cognitive development in children, including verbal communication, attention skills and memory retrieval, all of which help children succeed in other areas; and

**WHEREAS:** Children in the arts are five time more likely to stay in school than their peers, and for every \$1 spent on afterschool arts education, cities save \$9 on reduced welfare and crime costs, improved academic performance, and increased future earning potential of children; and

**WHEREAS:** Americans for the Arts has shown that a high concentration of arts in a city increases civic engagement, improves child welfare, and lowers crime and poverty rates; and

**WHEREAS:** Today, CAP's vision is for Northeast Florida to lead the nation in providing essential and accessible arts education that recognizes, grows, and amplifies every child's unique skills and strengths.

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

## **NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to support local arts and humanities by donating, volunteering, participating, and sharing details about arts programs within their communities.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept.  
in the year Two Thousand Twenty one

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA