



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

- WHEREAS:** Parks and recreation are an integral part of communities throughout this country. Jacksonville boasts the largest urban park system in North America, with over 400 public parks and 22 community centers; and
- WHEREAS:** Parks and recreation promote both physical and mental well-being in individuals of all backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS:** Parks and recreation encourage physical activities by providing sporting space, hiking trails, swimming pools, and many other opportunities designed to promote active lifestyles; and
- WHEREAS:** Parks and recreation are a leading provider of healthy meals, nutrition services, and education and provides critical summer programming and activities such as out-of-school youth camps and sports; and
- WHEREAS:** Parks and recreation are fundamental to the environmental and economic well-being of a community. It increases tourism, property values, provides essential infrastructure, ensures the ecological beauty of a community, and provides a safe space for children and adults to interact with each other and nature; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Programming is made up of hundreds of dedicated professionals whose hard work and commitment grows and maintains Jacksonville's extensive urban park system and provides crucial services to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 2022 as

## **PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH**

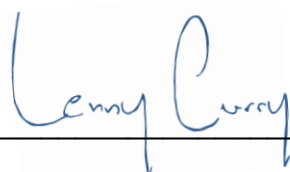
And hereby proclaim July 15, 2022

## **PARKS AND RECREATION PROFESSIONALS DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the dedicated professionals working to build strong, healthy, and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of July in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

  
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MAYOR