



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** St. Philip's Episcopal Church has been a staple in Downtown Jacksonville since its founding in 1882; and

**WHEREAS:** Founded by Rev. Brook G. White and Rt. Rev. John Freeman Young, St. Philip's Episcopal Church was created to serve the Black population in Jacksonville; and

**WHEREAS:** In 1901, St. Philip's suffered damage during the Jacksonville fire. Parishioners rallied to save relics from the building, and the first service was held in the empty renovated building in 1906; and

**WHEREAS:** Throughout the last 140 years, St. Philip's has served the Jacksonville community through worship, education, and service. It has been the center of a strong African American community in Jacksonville and has contributed to a rich history and culture right in the heart of the city; and

**WHEREAS:** St. Philip's Episcopal Church continues to stand at the corner of Union and Pearl Streets in Downtown Jacksonville. It boasts a massive legacy of worship, community, and service. The building and its congregation remain a vital part of Jacksonville's history and its present.

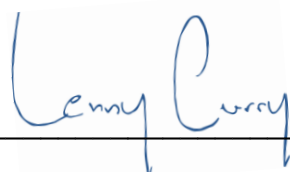
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize the

## **140<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the contributions of this historic Jacksonville Church.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 24<sup>th</sup> day in May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

  
MAYOR