



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Azerbaijani-Americans have a strong presence within the Florida community. They are crucial additions to our regional diversity, and help propel intercultural understanding; and

WHEREAS: There are more than 46 million Azerbaijani people around the world. For the last 100 years, May 28th has been observed as Azerbaijan Republic Day; and

WHEREAS: The Republic of Azerbaijan was one of the first nation states to grant universal suffrage rights, and was recognized by other democratic nations, including the United States of America; and

WHEREAS: May 28th not only marks the anniversary of the establishment of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic in 1918, but also provides an opportunity to honor the bonds between the United States of America and the Republic of Azerbaijan; and

WHEREAS: The Republic of Azerbaijan is an ally and strategic partner of the United States and continues the beliefs of its founders' guiding principles and educates others on the common values of humanity and democracy.

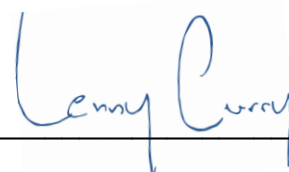
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 28, 2022 as

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of and honor the contributions of Azerbaijani-Americans in our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 15th day in June in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR