



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida is a youth empowerment organization that enables life-changing mentoring relationships to ignite the power and promise of youth in our community; and

WHEREAS: Investing in young people's futures pays off, with a social return on investment of \$18-to-1 through improved economic, health, and social outcomes for young people with mentors; and

WHEREAS: By changing the course of young lives, we shape our community's social and economic future; and

WHEREAS: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida has created thousands of mentoring matches over its 108-year history in the Northeast Florida community by partnering with parents/guardians, volunteers, and others in the community to help youth avoid risky behavior and achieve higher aspirations, greater confidence, better relationships, and educational success; and

WHEREAS: Big Brother Big Sisters' goal is to encourage community members to get involved in the movement and volunteer their time and mentorship towards helping Jacksonville's youth succeed; and

WHEREAS: January 2023 marks the 21st anniversary of National Mentoring Month, an annual campaign to emphasize the need for mentors, as well as recognize the impacts that mentors have on the community's youth.

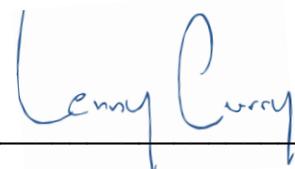
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 2023 as

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to celebrate, elevate, and encourage mentoring across the state and to consider becoming a mentor today.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 11th Day of Jan. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA