



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Every February, communities across the United States formally recognize and celebrate the history and legacy of Black citizens; and

**WHEREAS:** In 1976, what started as recognizing key dates and weeks in Black history grew into a formal National Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS:** Formally recognizing Black History in the United States began in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of what is now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH); and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville is proud to have a rich and diverse history. Jacksonville has been in the center of major Civil Rights movements and has been a hub for Black culture and history. Leaders like A. Philip Randolph, James Weldon Johnson, Eartha M. M. White, and Zora Neale Hurston, have all called Jacksonville home and left a strong legacy of culture and identity throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS:** None of the formal recognition of Black History would be possible without Dr. Carter G. Woodson's advocacy and efforts. He and the ASALH continue the legacy of compiling and recognizing Black History here in Jacksonville and across the country.

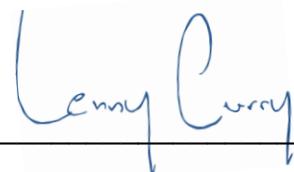
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 1, 2023 as

## **DR. CARTER G. WOODSON DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize Dr. Woodson's as the father of Black History.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 25th 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