



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Mrs. Eris A. Northern serves as a champion of literacy and steward of the Florida State College of Jacksonville's (FSCJ) North Campus; and

**WHEREAS:** Mrs. Northern began her 35-year career in the library sciences as a Cataloguer at William M. Raines High school. She served as Head Librarian at Matthew W. Gilbert High School before returning to Raines High School to serve as Head Librarian for 33 years; and

**WHEREAS:** Mrs. Northern was recognized as the 1998 Teacher of the Year, and won the Jacksonville Public Education Fund's (JPEF) EDDY Award; and

**WHEREAS:** Following her retirement from Raines High School, the library was renamed in her honor; and

**WHEREAS:** Mrs. Northern began serving as a librarian at FSCJ North Campus in February 2003; and

**WHEREAS:** During her tenure, Mrs. Northern was a champion of the library and the mission of FSCJ; and

**WHEREAS:** Mrs. Northern promoted literacy and a sense of community within the campus. She extended her outreach to the community through partnerships with the Jacksonville Public Library and Community First Credit Union; and

**WHEREAS:** Mrs. Northern helped spearhead the creation of a decade-long discussion series, now known as the Living Library; and

**WHEREAS:** Throughout her career, Mrs. Northern served not only as an advocate for the community but remained a dedicated historian of African American culture and educational history in Jacksonville.

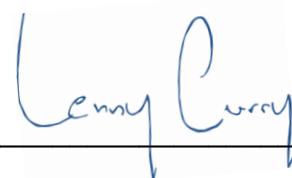
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby designate the

**"ERIS A. NORTHERN COLLECTION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
CULTURE AND LIFE"  
AT FSCJ NORTH CAMPUS LIBRARY AND COMMONS**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize and honor the contributions of Mrs. Northern to the FSCJ and Jacksonville communities.

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



  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA