



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Minds of the Future Academy was founded in 2016 in Jacksonville’s Eastside neighborhood by Dr. Cynthia Smith, a Jacksonville native and educator; and

**WHEREAS:** Founded on the principles of dedication, confidence, and a commitment to excellence, Minds of the Future Academy serves as the first Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) School in Jacksonville’s Eastside; and

**WHEREAS:** Minds of the Future Academy is a free private school, offering academic rigor and community support to about 150 students every school year; and

**WHEREAS:** Minds of the Future Academy opened its second location targeting Pre-K and Kindergarten students in May 2019; and

**WHEREAS:** 85% of students at Minds of the Future Academy perform at grade level and 93% of staff are retained every year; and

**WHEREAS:** Minds of the Future Academy is bringing an elite, free education to a historically underserved neighborhood. It’s focus on STEM education invests in the next generation of leaders and meets the goal of “preparing minds for a bright future.”

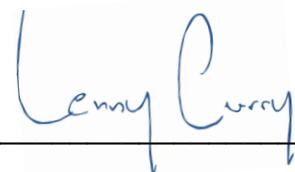
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 5, 2023 as

## **MINDS OF THE FUTURE DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to support and get involved local schools.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 9th Day of Feb. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA