



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** The Jacksonville Chapter of Men Against Destruction-Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder (MAD DADS) was established in 2003 by a dedicated group of parents; and

**WHEREAS:** MAD DADS is a non-profit organization that works to engage community members, parents, and youth to strengthen communities and intervene and prevent community problems; and

**WHEREAS:** Over the last twenty years, MAD DADS Jacksonville have engaged neighborhoods across Jacksonville, training community members on how to lower crime and educating youth on the importance of being drug- and violence-free; and

**WHEREAS:** Using dedicated volunteers, MAD DADS provides emergency services, training, and advocacy for every member of a community, especially those who have been affected by incarceration; and

**WHEREAS:** MAD DADS members mentor youth, and raise awareness of supports in place to promote healthy neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS:** Over the last two decades, MAD DADS have touched the lives of countless neighbors in Jacksonville, uplifting communities, and making Jacksonville's neighborhoods safer.

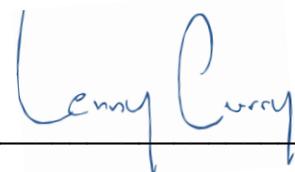
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2023 as

## **THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF MAD DADS**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the dedication of MAD DADS in the community and raise awareness of the supports in place to promote healthy, safe neighborhoods.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 8th Day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA