



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: May 18 is the birthday of Vincent Chin, who was brutally murdered in a hate crime in 1982. His murder fueled a national Asian American activist movement that continues to this day; and

WHEREAS: The United States has seen a staggering rise in bullying, discrimination, and hate crimes against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS: Since the beginnings of the COVID-19 pandemic, almost 11,500 cases of anti-AAPI violence and hate have been reported; and

WHEREAS: Every day, kids of all ages suffer from being bullied in schools and online across the country. In the AAPI community, this problem is often compounded by cultural, religious, and linguistic barriers that can keep these youth from seeking and receiving help. And certain AAPI groups – including South Asian, Muslim, Sikh, Micronesian, LGBTQ+, immigrant, and limited English proficient youth – are more likely to be the targets of bullying; and

WHEREAS: Act To Change is a national nonprofit dedicated to fighting bullying in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. We join Act To Change in sharing one vision - a world where all youth, including within the AAPI community, have the opportunity to grow up feeling proud and supported in the development of their identities and sharing of their stories.

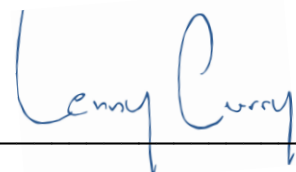
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2023 as

**ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
(AAPI) DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND HATE**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to foster dialogue, share resources, and learn more about what they can do to fight bullying.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 13th Day of April in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA