



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: The greatness of our nation principally stems from the rich diversity of its people. Early in our nation's history, immigrants from all over the world, including Asia and the Pacific Isles, came to the United States and contributed to the establishment of our nation and the multifaceted fabric of our culture; and

WHEREAS: For generations, people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent have played a significant role in virtually every sector of American life. Some are on the forefront of scientific advancement and information technology. Others are members of our brave Armed Forces and have fought for the freedoms we enjoy; and

WHEREAS: In 1992, the month of May was officially designated as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month to recognize the many Americans of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who contribute to the economic, political, intellectual, and cultural diversity of our nation. The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, whose work was led by Chinese immigrants; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Asian-American Advisory Board (MAAAB) has observed Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Jacksonville for more than a decade, joining others across the nation in recognizing the valuable contributions of these citizens and communities.

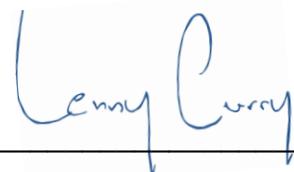
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to commemorate, celebrate, and raise awareness of the contributions and history of the Asian American experience in the United States.



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