



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** National Preservation Month was established in 1973 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

**WHEREAS:** Every May, historical societies, municipalities, and business and civic organizations join to promote the preservation of historic places and raise awareness of the rich history of our nation; and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville is proud to host eight historic neighborhoods and districts: Avondale, Downtown Jacksonville, Durkee Gardens, Edward Waters University, Old Ortega, Riverside, San Marco, and Springfield; and

**WHEREAS:** Historic preservation entities like the Jacksonville Historical Society, Durkeeville Historical Society, Ortega Preservation, Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP), San Marco Preservation Society (SMPS), Springfield Preservation and Restoration (SPAR), and the many institutions supporting Historic Downtown Jacksonville, work to preserve the buildings, memorabilia, and records that encapsulate Jacksonville's 201-year history; and

**WHEREAS:** Examples of irreplaceable buildings that have been renovated and reused through historic preservation efforts in Jacksonville include Old St. Andrew's Church, The Carling Hotel, the Barnett National Bank Building, The Ritz Theatre and Museum, the Florida Theatre, the recently completed Florida Baptist Convention Building, the soon-to-be completed Florida Federal Reserve Building, and City Hall; and

**WHEREAS:** This Preservation Month, the City of Jacksonville honors the tireless work of historians and preservationists in our community and raises awareness of the unique history preserved in every corner of Jacksonville.

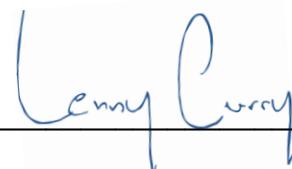
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize May 2023 as the

## **PRESERVATION MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to learn the history of their neighborhood and support the work of our local historic preservation societies.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 3rd Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA