



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: On July 2, 1923, the Mandarin Liberty League changed its name to the Mandarin Community Club to reflect its developing mission from assisting the nation's war effort to serving Mandarin's civic, environmental, and cultural concerns; and

WHEREAS: In the Mandarin Community Club's early years, the group secured electricity for Mandarin, improved village roads, established the area's first library, served as home for the Mandarin Orange Pickers Baseball Team, launched a Volunteer Fire Department and initiated programs to protect the natural environment; and

WHEREAS: Over the last 100 years, the club has housed many community organizations, including the Kate Monson Well Baby Clinic, the Mandarin Garden Club, the Mandarin Museum and Historical Society, the Mandarin Players Theatre Company, and numerous houses of worship; and

WHEREAS: The club purchased the 1911 Mandarin Post Office and Store to preserve the structure, now a National Register Site, and purchased adjoining land to creating the Billard Park, a memorial to the area's military veterans; and

WHEREAS: Since 1938, the club has owned and maintained the Local Landmark 1872 Mandarin School, today known as the Mandarin Community Club; and

WHEREAS: The club established the city's longest running festival, the Mandarin Art Festival, and actively continues to improve all aspects of the community's life; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville applauds the Mandarin Community Club for its century of contributions and service to Mandarin and the City of Jacksonville.

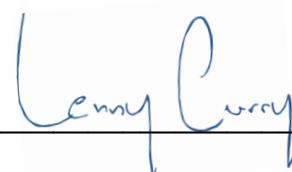
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize the

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MANDARIN COMMUNITY CLUB

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to celebrate the accomplishments and legacy of the Mandarin Community Club.

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




MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA