



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Vitiligo is an autoimmune disease-causing loss of pigment from areas of the skin and resulting in irregular white spots or patches; and

**WHEREAS:** Vitiligo affects more than three to five million Americans and can affect people of any age, gender, race, or ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS:** There are over 200,000 individuals in Florida living with Vitiligo; and

**WHEREAS:** While vitiligo is not contagious and usually not physically painful, the psychological and social effects are well-documented and especially devastating to children; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2022 the FDA approved the first ever drug approved to treat vitiligo; and

**WHEREAS:** First celebrated in 2011, the United Nations annually recognizes June 25 as World Vitiligo Day; and

**WHEREAS:** Beautifully Unblemished Vitiligo Support Group, Inc. was founded in 2018 to bring together those with vitiligo to help educate, support, advocate, and spread awareness.

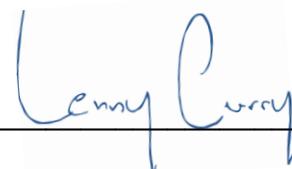
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as

## VITILIGO AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of Vitiligo and support the efforts being made in the community to assist those living with Vitiligo.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19th Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

  
MAYOR