



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: The James Weldon Johnson Family YMCA was chartered on July 19, 1948; and

WHEREAS: The J. W. Johnson Family YMCA was initially created to serve as a resource to the African American community in Jacksonville's Northside neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: Jessie Word managed the J. W. Johnson Family YMCA, including performing administrative duties, coaching youth sports programs, and teaching underserved children to swim. His work laid the foundation for connecting underserved populations with key resources and support; and

WHEREAS: Over the last 75 years, the J. W. Johnson Family YMCA has served generations of Jacksonville families, transforming lives by empowering young people, improving community health and well-being, and inspiring positive action in and across Northwest Jacksonville.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 19, 2023 as

J. W. JOHNSON FAMILY YMCA DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to celebrate the J. W. Johnson Family YMCA's 75 years of service to the community and take the time to ask how you can make a difference in the lives of those closest to you.



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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donna Deegan".

MAYOR