



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: On July 11, 1995, more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys were massacred in the city of Srebrenica in what is now known as the Srebrenica Genocide; and

WHEREAS: An additional 20,000 Bosnian women and children were expelled from their homes; and

WHEREAS: In 2007, the United Nations' International Court of Justice issued a verdict qualifying the massacre at Srebrenica as an act of genocide; and

WHEREAS: During the 1990s, thousands of Bosnian families moved to the United States, fleeing the ongoing conflict; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville has the third largest population of Bosnian individuals in the United States. Over 12,000 people of Bosnian descent contribute to the rich cultural mosaic of Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS: The Islamic Community of Bosniaks in Jacksonville serves to unite, uplift, and celebrate Jacksonville's Bosnian community; and

WHEREAS: In recognition of the 28th anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide, the City of Jacksonville honors the memory of the lives lost during the Srebrenica Genocide, and will continue to promote equity, protect human rights, and ensure a peaceful place for every individual in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 11, 2023 as

SREBRENICA GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to remember the lives lost to the 1995 Srebrenica Genocide and honor the contributions of the Bosnian community in Jacksonville.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 11th Day of July in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA