

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** This year, New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc. will reach 118 years of service to Jacksonville citizens; and

**WHEREAS:** Our city's faith community is vibrant and offers citizens of all backgrounds a welcoming place to gather for worship, fellowship, and often solace; and

**WHEREAS:** New Bethel's upcoming anniversary celebration also recognizes the accomplishments and retirement of its senior pastor, Rev. Harry L. Dawkins, after 50 years in ministry; and

**WHEREAS:** Rev. Dawkins passed away on June 22, 2018. He had served the congregants of New Bethel since 2009, after preaching in many areas across Florida and Georgia since the age of 15; and

**WHEREAS:** New Bethel's anniversary event on August 4 and 5 is themed "Celebrating the Journey of the Past ... Forging Towards the Future," and will include a dedication of the Fellowship Hall in memory of Pastor Dawkins.

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

## **THE 118TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH, INC.**

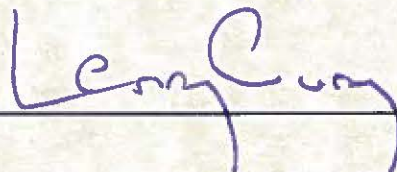
and honor the life of

### **REV. HARRY LEONARD DAWKINS**

for the many significant contributions made toward the betterment of lives throughout our community and region.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July  
in the year Two Thousand 18

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA