

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Each April, our country honors the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which was created to prevent discrimination based on race, color, religion and national origin. Two amendments, in 1974 and 1988, expanded its language to its current form, also banning discrimination based on sex, disability or familial status; and

WHEREAS: Fair housing is not only a matter of law, it is a fundamental human right that all citizens are entitled to enjoy. Every community can and should be a place where people of all walks of life can pursue every opportunity in diverse, inclusive, accessible neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission (JHRC), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, are committed to affirmatively furthering fair housing by ensuring the protection of fair housing rights and opportunities for all people throughout Duval County. These efforts are supported by dedicated local partners, including Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. (JALA) and the Jacksonville Housing Authority (JHA); and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville recognizes the JHRC, JALA and JHA for their commitment to protecting and promoting fair housing rights for all citizens. This support ranges from enforcement of the City's Fair Housing Ordinance, to community outreach to inform citizens of their rights under the law, to advocating for vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS: This year's theme, "Finding Home Sweet Home: 50 Years of Fair Housing," serves as a reminder to reflect upon the act's landmark passage and to look forward as we consistently reaffirm our efforts to promote fair housing for all.

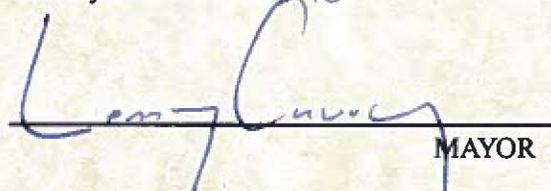
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to rededicate themselves to ensuring that fair housing laws are always upheld and that citizens are protected against discrimination.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 16th day of March
in the year Two Thousand 18


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA