

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is an initiative that provides resources to benefit low- and moderate-income people or aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight. With funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Jacksonville's Housing and Community Development Division is able to attend to such needs locally; and

WHEREAS: National Community Development Week is a week-long campaign emphasizing both local and national contributions to the CDBG program. During this week, local governments showcase projects and services made possible by CDBG support; and

WHEREAS: National Community Development Week provides the opportunity to inform local residents and national decision-makers about the significant role CDBG and other federal grant programs play in helping communities thrive and survive; and

WHEREAS: Since 1975, the City has utilized \$398 million in CDBG funds to develop and implement a wide range of programs directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development and improving community services; and

WHEREAS: In fiscal year 2016/2017, examples of local services supported by CDBG funds, in combination with other public and private funding sources, include the building of an 80-unit affordable senior living facility; the support of 12 businesses through the Micro-Enterprise Assistance Program; and improvements to senior centers, youth centers, neighborhood facilities, parks and recreation facilities, flood drainage systems, and streets and sidewalks. CDBG funds also served 56,770 residents through senior services, disabled services, employment services and health services.

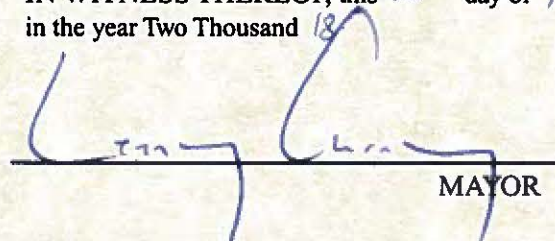
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2 - 6, 2018 as

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the important contributions made locally through the Community Development Block Grant program.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 26th day of March
in the year Two Thousand 18


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA