

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Winona Cargile Alexander, a founder of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., dedicated much of her life to serving others; and

**WHEREAS:** Although born in Georgia and educated at Howard University – the birthplace of Delta Sigma Theta in 1913 – Ms. Alexander spent many of her years in Jacksonville; and

**WHEREAS:** Upon her death in 1984 at the age of 91, she was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, with no identification of her founding contributions to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. On June 9, 2018 (during her birth month), members of the sorority's local Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter (formerly known as Alpha Iota Sigma) and national organization are gathering to unveil a gravesite marker identifying her role as one of its 22 founders; and

**WHEREAS:** In addition to being the first custodian of the Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Ms. Alexander's service to the Jacksonville community included time as a social worker for the Duval County Welfare Board, an admissions officer at Brewster Hospital, a board member of the YWCA and Methodist Hospital, and an elder at the Laura Street (now Woodlawn) Presbyterian Church; and

**WHEREAS:** Ms. Alexander remained an active member of the sorority until shortly before her death. Her legacy is upheld through a scholarship in her name that is awarded to high school graduates; and

**WHEREAS:** For her decades of contributions to the Jacksonville community, the City of Jacksonville is recognizing Winona Cargile Alexander's life and service on June 9.

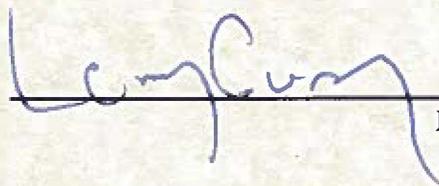
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 9, 2018 as

## **WINONA CARGILE ALEXANDER MEMORIAL DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage citizens to celebrate the historic contributions of local leaders committed to service, humanity, justice, civil rights and education.



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

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA