

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low – inspired by her life mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character – organized the first meeting of the Girl Guides of America; and

**WHEREAS:** Now known as the Girl Scouts, the organization today counts 2.6 million active members and adult volunteers, and more than 59 million alumnae. It is recognized worldwide for its research-based leadership development programs for girls; and

**WHEREAS:** As Girl Scouts, young leaders participate in activities that enable them to discover their values and skills, and to connect with the multicultural environment around them. The programs provide them with the tools they need to continue the organization's legacy of leaders dedicated to making our city, country and world a better place; and

**WHEREAS:** Girl Scouts encourages girls to take the lead early and often, offering hands-on learning in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), the outdoors, entrepreneurship, and other invaluable life skills. By engaging in leadership at the highest levels and addressing issues of need, Girl Scouts can earn the Gold Award, the organization's highest honor; and

**WHEREAS:** In recognition of the organization's birthday, March 12 is known as Girl Scout Day, and the week surrounding is Girl Scout Week. The 106th birthday marks a special occasion for Duval County's local Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, which is also celebrating the March 18 re-opening of its camp, the North Fork Leadership Center, damaged by Hurricane Irma.

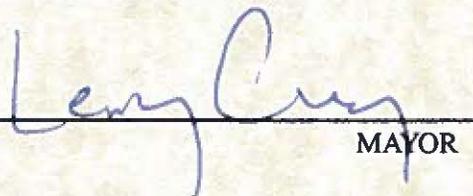
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 12, 2018 as

## **GIRL SCOUT DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the significant value of the Girl Scouts and our local Girl Scouts of Gateway Council for their contributions in developing and nurturing Jacksonville's young leaders.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March  
in the year Two Thousand 18

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA