



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Each year a week-long, community-wide event, hosted by the member organizations of the READ JAX collaborative, including but not limited to: Kids Hope Alliance, the Jacksonville Public Education Fund, the Jacksonville Public Library, Duval County Public Schools, and the Early Learning Coalition of Duval County, will be held to acknowledge the importance of reading to the health and wellbeing of Jacksonville’s children, youth, and families; and

WHEREAS: The mission of the READ JAX campaign is to ensure that children are reading on grade level, particularly by third grade, and beyond; and

WHEREAS: Students who can read at grade-level are more likely to earn a high school diploma and college degree, granting them more career opportunities and greater earning potential; and

WHEREAS: Literacy enables students to become productive adults who can compete globally and contribute positively to society; and

WHEREAS: Celebrate Reading Week provides the opportunity to highlight the pivotal role that reading plays in empowering all citizens of Jacksonville, FL to participate fully in our community and contribute to the economic future of the city.

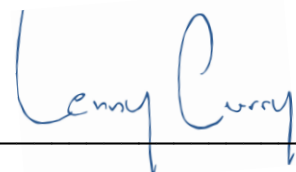
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 26 – April 1, 2023 as

CELEBRATE READING WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to engage in activities that help Jacksonville’s children build their reading skills and to recognize the work of Jacksonville’s READ JAX literacy-championing organizations.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 9th Day of Feb. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA