

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Founded in 1976, Habitat for Humanity is at the forefront of addressing the critical issue of poverty housing around the world; and HabiJax, the local arm of Habitat for Humanity serving the greater Jacksonville area, seeks to fulfill the mission of bringing people together, putting love into action, and building both homes and hope; and

WHEREAS: HabiJax and ReStore provide a free service to residents for the professional removal of old kitchen cabinets and appliances, among other programs and services; and

WHEREAS: Revenue generated from resale of these donated items has the potential to raise \$600,000 annually, funds that are directed back into the community in the form of the rehabilitation of existing neighborhoods and the creation of affordable housing citywide; and

WHEREAS: The environmental impact of keeping salvaged building materials out of local landfills is significant; and in 2012, the U.S. generated approximately 251 million tons of trash, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, with more than 28 percent of that waste consisting of recyclable raw materials like wood, glass, metal, rubber and other textiles; and

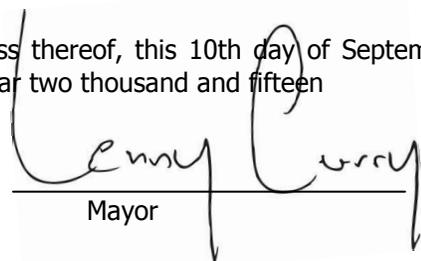
WHEREAS: Since 1985, World Habitat Day, a grassroots movement to promote affordable housing across the globe, has been observed on October 5 annually; and Habitat for Humanity supports both the eradication of poverty housing and the mission of seeing all families in safe, well-constructed, affordable housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 28 – October 5, 2015 as

HABIJAX & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE APPRECIATION WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the hard work and dedication of the Habitat for Humanity agencies in bringing hope to our doorsteps.

In witness thereof, this 10th day of September
in the year two thousand and fifteen


Mayor

