



# PROCLAMATION

## A NEW DAY.

**WHEREAS:** Access to nutritious food is essential for the health, well-being, and academic success of all children; and

**WHEREAS:** School breakfast programs play a critical role in ensuring that students start their day with the nourishment they need to focus, learn, and thrive in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2024, school breakfast programs across the state of Florida provided 138,920,450 meals to 836,409 students, demonstrating the profound impact of these initiatives on children's health and education; and

**WHEREAS:** National School Breakfast Week serves as an opportunity to highlight and promote the success of school breakfast programs and to recognize the steadfast educators, nutrition professionals, and advocates who work tirelessly to combat childhood hunger; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville is dedicated to advancing initiatives that enhance food security for children, ensuring that all students have access to nutritious meals that support their health and academic success; and.

**WHEREAS:** State and local leaders, educators, and community organizations must continue working together to expand access to school breakfast programs and raise awareness about the benefits of these essential services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donna Deegan,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 3 – 7, 2025, as

### **NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK**

in Jacksonville and encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the importance of school nutrition programs and supporting initiatives that ensure no child in our community goes hungry.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March  
in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

*Donna Deegan*

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA