



PROCLAMATION

A NEW DAY.

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville is committed to fostering a community rooted in dignity, compassion, and belonging for all people, and recognizes the vital role that spiritual and cultural leaders play in advancing peace, well-being, and unity across our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS: Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, a globally respected humanitarian and spiritual teacher, has dedicated his life to promoting a vision of a violence-free, stress-free world through inner transformation and the reawakening of human values; and

WHEREAS: Through the founding of the Art of Living Foundation in 1981, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar has pioneered global efforts in trauma relief, conflict resolution, youth empowerment, and community healing—providing sustainable support to individuals and communities affected by war, natural disasters, and social injustice; and

WHEREAS: The Art of Living Foundation's holistic programs in mindfulness, breathing techniques, and service leadership have reached more than 180 countries, fostering connections across differences and promoting mental, emotional, and civic well-being; and

WHEREAS: The mission of the Art of Living Foundation closely aligns with Jacksonville's ongoing efforts to build a more inclusive, compassionate, and united community—empowering all residents to live with purpose, peace, and resilience; and

WHEREAS: We express our sincere appreciation to the Art of Living Foundation for its continued investment in the emotional and civic well-being of our diverse community and for organizing today's program in service of that mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donna Deegan, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 16, 2025, as

SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR PEACE AND WELLNESS DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the lifelong service of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and the Art of Living Foundation's ongoing efforts to foster understanding, unity, and healing in our city and beyond.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 16th day of June
in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



Donna Deegan

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA