

WHEREAS, the Jani'yah Irving Youth Foundation was established in 2009 to honor the memory of a precious young girl whose life was lost in a traffic crash while biking in her neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Jani'yah Irving Youth Foundation is a nonprofit organization, geared towards helping at risk females ages 6-17; and

WHEREAS, on October 16 we will celebrate Jani'yah's 22nd heavenly birthday, furthering her young sacrifice to bring attention to the need for youth traffic safety consideration and education; and

WHEREAS, October is also observed annually as Pedestrian Safety Month, thus allowing the foundation to provide scholarships and outreach to pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, Jani'yah was a student of Metcalfe Elementary at the time of her unfortunate accident. She left a legacy of traffic safety learning opportunities for her family, friends, and peers alike; and

WHEREAS, Jani'yah's mother, Ayana Archer, has spearheaded the foundation for the disbursement of education scholarships and efforts to increase activity to better accommodate improvements for all roadway users.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harvey L. Ward, Jr., by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2024 as

Jani'yah Irving Youth Foundation Memorial Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me in efforts to spread the importance of roadway safety within our communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 14th day of October 2024.



