

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Jacksonville has a strong commitment to ethics in City government; and
- WHEREAS:** Ethics is defined as the study of the general nature of morals and moral choices to be made by the individual in his or her relationships with others; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1997, Carla Miller, a civil litigation attorney, spearheaded an initiative to incorporate ethics in City government, and was subsequently appointed to the City of Jacksonville's Ethics Commission; and
- WHEREAS:** During the five years she served on the commission, three as Chair, Carla was responsible for crafting the ethics code that was approved by the City Council in May 1999. The Ethics Code creates an Ethics Officer for each department and establishes, for the first time, goals for the conduct of city employees and proactive goals for the development of ethics in city government; and
- WHEREAS:** The Code further establishes mandatory ethics training for all city employees and the "Ethics in Government Program," which is provided for all local elected officials. Additionally, the Code has expanded the role of the Jacksonville Ethics Commission in monitoring compliance with training and disclosure requirements; and
- WHEREAS:** Additionally, Carla served as one of the City of Jacksonville's first two Ethics Officers responsible for encouraging compliance with the Code, coordinating ethics training and also developing citywide programs to attain the goals of the Code; and
- WHEREAS:** On May 21, 2003, the City of Jacksonville will hold the grand opening of its first Ethics Office, serving as an educational resource for city officials and employees; and
- WHEREAS:** Last October, Ms. Miller attended the International Institute for Public Ethics conference in Australia as the United States National Chair of the Municipal Ethics Project for the Council on Governmental Ethics Law; and
- WHEREAS:** Prior to becoming a partner at Miller and Skinner, Carla Miller served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, handling major federal litigation and investigations of public corruption, white collar crime, racketeering and drug smuggling.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN A. DELANEY**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize and commend **CARLA MILLER** for her initiative and expertise in the implementation of the ethics program in City government and extend deep appreciation to her for her outstanding efforts in this regard.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May  
in the year Two Thousand Three

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA