



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: The Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that approximately 38.4 million people worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS: Almost 1.2 million of them are Americans, as reported by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS: As of 2020, Duval County has the fifth highest rate of new HIV infections in Florida, with more than 10,000 individuals currently living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS: Early diagnosis is key to effectively treating the disease and improving the overall prognosis for those affected; and

WHEREAS: World AIDS Day, observed annually on December 1, challenges everyone to recognize our individual and collective roles in the global effort to change the course of the AIDS epidemic. This observance raises awareness of the disease, fosters support for those affected by it, and serves to share prevention methods to reduce its spread; and

WHEREAS: As part of the annual local observance of World AIDS Day, the NAMES Project Foundation's North Florida Quilt Chapter displays an AIDS Memorial Quilt in City Hall as a tribute to those lost to the AIDS epidemic. Visitors can view the display from November 21 – December 6 and participate in the Quilt Ceremony to be held in the atrium on December 1.

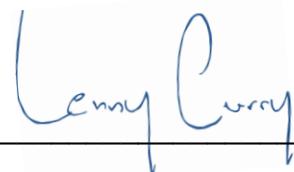
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim the December 1, 2022 as

WORLD AIDS DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of this disease and support those affected in our community and the agencies and volunteers working to find a cure.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 17th Day of Nov. in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA