



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions characterized by a dysfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which controls all of the "automatic" functions of the body, including heart rate, blood pressure, and much more; and

WHEREAS: There is no cure for Dysautonomia and it affects many aspects of everyday life, causing social isolation, stress, and financial hardships in addition to the many debilitating symptoms experienced by those living with dysautonomia; and

WHEREAS: Dysautonomia impacts over 70 million people around the world. The average diagnostic delay for Dysautonomia patients is four years and 75% of patients received a misdiagnosis before being correctly diagnosed; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 19,092 people in Jacksonville have Dysautonomia; and

WHEREAS: Raising awareness of the prevalence of Dysautonomia in the community can educate physicians, better connect patients with proper care, and support those in Jacksonville living with Dysautonomia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH

In Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of dysautonomia, and support those in our community living with this condition.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 15th Day of Sep. in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MAYOR