

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: On August 2, 1971, President Richard Nixon proclaimed the first week of August as National Clown Week, celebrating those who bring moments of quiet splendor, and who redeem sickness and pain with delight; and

WHEREAS: Founded in the early 1970s, the Gator Clowns of Jacksonville is a nonprofit organization, and the oldest active clown alley in North America, dedicated to serving its community as volunteer ambassadors of joy; and

WHEREAS: Its members have completed tens of thousands of service hours throughout the years by participating in a wide variety of local fundraisers and community events in area schools and hospitals; and

WHEREAS: The Gator Clowns donate their time and talent to the Jacksonville community, bringing smiles and laughter to residents in area nursing homes, as well as to young patients at Nemours Children's Specialty Care and Wolfson Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS: During the first seven days of August, the Gator Clowns of Jacksonville will once again promote the art of spreading joy as they commemorate National Clown Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of August 1-7, 2018 as

CLOWN WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to acknowledge the positive impact these entertainers have on our city.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19th day of July
in the year Two Thousand 18

Lenny Curry
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA