

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Pain is a major public health issue that can affect people of any age, gender, race or socioeconomic level. It is the number one reason Americans seek medical care; and

**WHEREAS:** The Institute of Medicine has found that 100 million Americans live with chronic pain as a result of serious illnesses and injuries; and

**WHEREAS:** Chronic pain costs the nation an estimated \$560 to \$630 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages and lost productivity; and

**WHEREAS:** Pain negatively impacts almost every aspect of a person's life, including the ability to work, sleep and engage in social activities. Families and caregivers of pain sufferers are also adversely affected; and

**WHEREAS:** The U.S. Pain Foundation's mission is to educate, connect, inform, empower and advocate on behalf of its 80,000-plus members nationwide as well as all who live with chronic pain. The organization provides education on pain management skills and constructive ways to cope with pain and find fulfillment in life; and

**WHEREAS:** Raising awareness about the effects of chronic pain results in better outcomes, increased access to effective pain care, and empowerment and validation for those living with pain.

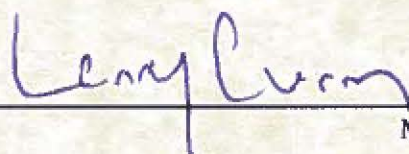
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as

## **PAIN AWARENESS MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize and support those who live with chronic pain.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August  
in the year Two Thousand 18

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA