

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Domestic violence is a crime that affects people of all races, genders, ages and socioeconomic levels; and

**WHEREAS:** It is estimated that more than 25,000 local women, children and men are victims of domestic violence annually; and

**WHEREAS:** Domestic violence destroys an individual's privacy, dignity, security and humanity; and

**WHEREAS:** The destructive impact of domestic violence is wide-reaching, affecting families, corporations, the criminal justice system, medical communities and society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS:** Victims of domestic violence can suffer grave financial, physical and psychological losses, and it is vital for our community to support these victims and their children; and

**WHEREAS:** The perpetrators of domestic violence should face legal sanctions and receive help to overcome their abusive behavior; and

**WHEREAS:** Hubbard House, Inc., strives to eradicate domestic violence in Jacksonville, providing services to more than 5,000 adults and children each year and promoting its message of "Every Relationship Violence-Free."

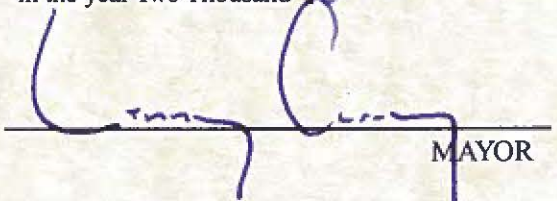
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in working to eliminate personal and institutional violence against adults and children and to encourage healthy, supportive relationships. We also recognize the vital role Hubbard House plays in serving this vulnerable portion of our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August  
in the year Two Thousand 18

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA