

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: More than 1.5 million Americans reside in a nursing home, and 1 million more across the country live in an assisted living or board and care facility; and

WHEREAS: Throughout the state of Florida, more than 4,100 nursing homes, assisted living facilities and adult family care homes have the capacity to serve more than 188,000 residents; and

WHEREAS: The federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents of care facilities their individual rights to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and

WHEREAS: Residents should be aware of their rights and feel empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and

WHEREAS: In celebrating our senior community, it is important to recognize their rich individuality, reaffirm their right to vote and participate politically, and ensure their right to have a say in their care; and

WHEREAS: Individuals and groups across the nation, including the local First Coast Council of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, observe Residents' Rights Month in October. This year's theme is "Speak Up: Know Your Rights and How to Use Them."

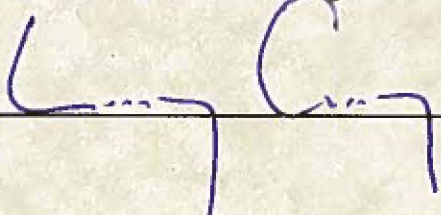
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as

LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of this observance for the well-being of themselves or their loved ones.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 28th day of September
in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA