



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Dwarfism, a type of skeletal dysplasia that causes short stature, affects an estimated 30,000 people in the United States and more than 650,000 in the world. More than 80 percent of children with dwarfism have average-height parents and siblings; and

WHEREAS: While many people affected by dwarfism don't feel that they have a disability, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) does protect the rights of people with dwarfism; and

WHEREAS: More than 300 different conditions can cause dwarfism. The most common type of dwarfism is called achondroplasia; and

WHEREAS: A group started here in Jacksonville, LittlePeopleOfTheWorld.org, partners with countries around the world to increase awareness and support of those with dwarfism; and

WHEREAS: Complications of dwarfism can include orthopedic problems, compression of the brain stem, hydrocephalus (excess fluid on the brain), and obstructive sleep apnea. Some patients may require surgeries or other medical interventions to address these complications or maximize mobility; and

WHEREAS: Dwarfism affects physical development and has no bearing on intelligence, talents or abilities. Many who are diagnosed with dwarfism lead long, fulfilling lives and achieve life-long milestones.

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

DWARFISM AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to learn more about this condition and to support the needs and rights of those affected by it.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1st day of October in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA