

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence happens in every community, and the importance of understanding and discussions; and

WHEREAS: Statistics show that nearly one in five women and one in 67 men in the United States have experienced rape or attempted rape; and

WHEREAS: Child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before age 18; and

WHEREAS: Young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence; those between the ages of 12 and 17 are 2.5 times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault. During their college years, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted; and

WHEREAS: By advocating for survivors of sexual violence, citizens send a powerful message of support that can challenge and change our culture; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville recognizes the efforts of national, state, and local partners that work to encourage all to demonstrate support of survivors of sexual violence and to unify with understanding.

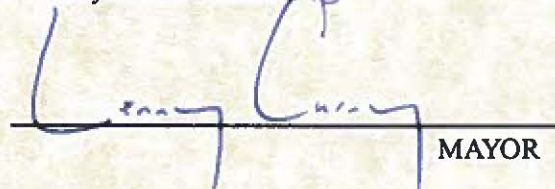
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to educate themselves on the prevalence of sexual assault and recognize survivors for their courage in sharing their stories.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 16th day of March
in the year Two Thousand 18


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA