# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Cancer does not discriminate based on age, gender, race or any other characteristic. More than 10,000 American children under the age of 15 are newly diagnosed each year; and

**WHEREAS:** There are many different types of cancer and their causes remain largely unknown; and

**WHEREAS:** Nearly 300 children in the Jacksonville community are currently undergoing treatment for cancer, and another 130 local children will be diagnosed this year; and

**WHEREAS:** Treatment for cancerous diseases is invasive, expensive and often experimental, taking not only a physical toll on patients, but also causing financial and emotional hardships for their families; and

**WHEREAS:** Local nonprofit Child Cancer Fund (CCF), Inc., was created in 1994 by a group of parents whose children were battling the disease. It provides emotional, practical, educational and financial support for families on this journey, partnering with Nemours Children's Specialty Care and Wolfson Children's Hospital to implement its programs and services; and

**WHEREAS:** CCF, in partnership with local radio station WOKV, hosts an annual radiothon fundraiser at Nemours that has raised $442,615 over the past three years. The fourth annual event is July 20; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville recognizes and celebrates the many local organizations and individuals dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for children with cancer and their families.
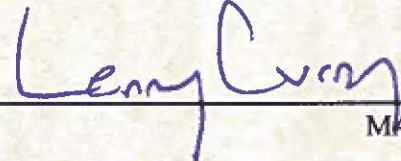
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 20, 2018 as

## CARE-A-THON DAY FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in raising awareness of childhood cancer and the efforts being made in our community to support those fighting this unexpected battle.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19th day of July in the year Two Thousand 18

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MAYOR

## CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA