

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Despite advances in medical technology and research, men's lifespans continue to be, on average, five years shorter than women's, with Native American and African-American men having the shortest life expectancy; and

WHEREAS: Educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality caused by diseases; and

WHEREAS: Fathers who lead healthy lifestyles are more likely to promote healthful choices and have healthier children; and

WHEREAS: The Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop a national men's health awareness observance during the month of June to help educate men, boys and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices. It focuses on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease; mental health; diabetes; and prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and

WHEREAS: As Jacksonville continues its "Journey to One" – a citywide campaign launched in 2016 to promote personal and community wellness – all citizens are encouraged to take steps to improve their physical activity, nutrition, weight management, disease prevention efforts and mental well-being.

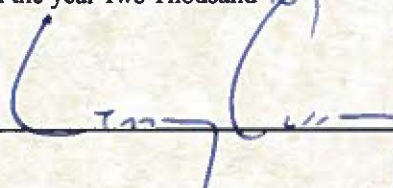
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 2018 as

MEN'S HEALTH MONTH

in Jacksonville and urge all citizens to embrace preventative health practices and early detection efforts.



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


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA