

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** The athletic training profession spans many settings, from the sidelines of sporting events at the professional, collegiate, and high school levels to clinics and hospitals, corporate and industrial buildings, performing arts and military branches; and

**WHEREAS:** Athletic trainers have a long history of providing quality health care and support for athletes and participants engaged in physical activities. These individuals are trained in nationally regulated educational processes to build knowledge and skills that prevent, recognize, evaluate and treat injuries; provide rehabilitation; administer health care; and offer education and guidance in health care matters; and

**WHEREAS:** In 2014, the NFL Foundation, the National Athletic Trainers' Association, and the Professional Football Athletic Trainers' Society began a partnership to increase the presence of athletic trainers in high schools nationwide. A 2015 partnership between the Jacksonville Jaguars, Jacksonville University and the Jacksonville Sports Medicine Program, called Project 17, created a commitment to place a certified athletic trainer in each of Duval County Public Schools' 17 high schools by 2020; and

**WHEREAS:** Such efforts will improve health care for student athletes and active participants. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, presence of certified athletic trainers can decrease injury rates and help identify injuries that occur in school or sports programs; and

**WHEREAS:** To promote athletic trainers' roles as health professionals, March is designated as National Athletic Training Month.

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

## **ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH "Compassionate Care for All"**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize and learn more about the importance of quality health care for active individuals through athletic training.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February  
in the year Two Thousand 18

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA