

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Sexual Assault Awareness Month increases the awareness, dialogue and understanding that sexual violence happens in every community; 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 more 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: Prevention is everyone's responsibility and all citizens play a role in addressing behavior, promoting healthy attitudes and relationships, supporting survivors and assisting them in finding resources for assistance; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville recognizes the efforts of national, state, and local partners dedicated to increased awareness and prevention of sexual assault.

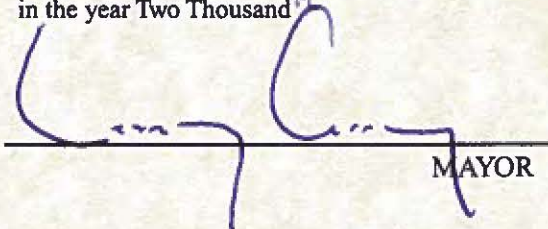
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to champion and support efforts that prevent sexual assault.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 13th day of March
in the year Two Thousand¹⁹


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA