

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: In 2016, Duval County served as home to 176,978 residents aged 60 and older, according to the Florida Department of Elder Affairs; this represented 19.2 percent of the total population; and

WHEREAS: With their unique experiences, insights and perspectives, older citizens provide tremendous contributions to our community in a wide variety of ways; and

WHEREAS: Our community is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and strive to maintain independence; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville's vibrant senior community is actively involved in improving our communities in many ways, including volunteerism, and civic and social engagement; and

WHEREAS: The mission of the City of Jacksonville's Senior Services Division is to encourage and empower senior citizens to enjoy active, independent lifestyles through social, educational and wellness programs; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville strives to provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by engaging older adults in our community, promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living, encouraging them to be advocates for themselves and others, and providing opportunities to share their experiences.

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

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to celebrate older adults' contributions to our community and to recognize the importance of those who serve them.



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

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA