

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women, with Native American and African-American men having the lowest 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 from disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Men who are educated about how preventive health can prolong their lifespan and enhance their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and
- WHEREAS:** Fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children; and
- WHEREAS:** The Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop a national men's health awareness period as a special campaign to help educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and
- WHEREAS:** Men's Health Month is recognized nationally to focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health, diabetes, and cancers of the prostate, testicles and colon.

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

## **MEN'S HEALTH MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 31<sup>ST</sup> day of  
May in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen

  
MAYOR