



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Chronic pain is a major public health crisis that can affect people of any age, gender, race, or socioeconomic level; and

**WHEREAS:** 50 million Americans live with pain. It is the number one reason Americans seek out medical care and leading cause of long-term disability; and

**WHEREAS:** Chronic pain costs the nation an estimated \$635 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages, and lost productivity; and

**WHEREAS:** Pain negatively impacts almost every aspect of a person's life, including the ability to work, sleep and engage in social activities. Families and caregivers of pain sufferers are also adversely affected; and

**WHEREAS:** The U.S. Pain Foundation's mission is to educate, connect, inform, empower and advocate on behalf of its 80,000-plus members nationwide as well as all who live with chronic pain. The organization provides education on pain management skills and constructive ways to cope with pain and find fulfillment in life; and

**WHEREAS:** Raising awareness about the effects of chronic pain results in better outcomes, increased access to effective pain care, and empowerment and validation for those living with pain.

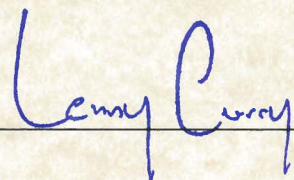
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as

## **PAIN AWARENESS MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize and support those who live with chronic pain.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September  
in the year Two Thousand Nineteen



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA