



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** An arteriovenous malformation (AVM) is a complex tangle of arteries and veins that bypasses normal brain tissue and directly diverts blood from the arteries to the veins, potentially resulting in devastating ruptures, seizures, or death; and

**WHEREAS:** An estimated 18 in 100,000 people in the United States have an AVM in the brain; and

**WHEREAS:** After an AVM ruptures there is a 10-15% risk of death and a 20-30% chance of permanent brain damage after each bleed; and

**WHEREAS:** Approximately 10-58% of AVM patients have various kinds of aneurysms, a weak area in a blood vessel that enlarges like a balloon, and is at risk for bleeding or rupture resulting in possible brain damage or long term disability; and

**WHEREAS:** 50% of AVM patients present as sudden hemorrhage, bleeding in the brain, or a form of stroke; and

**WHEREAS:** Access to accurate information, expertise, and a community to support survivors, caregivers, families, and friends in making educated decisions about treatment and coping can make a critical difference in minimizing risks and increasing the quality of life for those affected; and

**WHEREAS:** More research is needed to determine the causes, discover better treatment options, and find a cure for AVM. Increased public awareness is necessary so that individuals are better able to recognize symptoms and understand available resources and options.

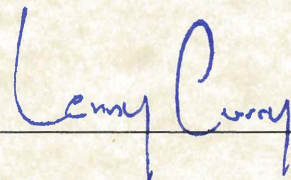
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as

## AVM AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of Aneurysms and AVM and support efforts being made to help those affected by these brain conditions.



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



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA