



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: April has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States since 1983; and

WHEREAS: Children are often targets of neglect, mental, physical, and sexual abuse requiring community-wide efforts to prevent and safeguard our children by providing loving and nurturing relationships in which they can thrive; and

WHEREAS: Wolfson Children's Hospital and its partners, including the UF First Coast Child Protection Team and Nemours have been treating children who have been physically and sexually abused as well as those who have suffered from child neglect, for decades; and

WHEREAS: Child abuse prevention programs were developed upon the belief that children can be safely protected and cared for within their own homes when parents are provided services and resources for support; and

WHEREAS: Every Floridian is a mandatory reporter. If you see something, say something. The Florida Abuse Hotline accepts reports 24 hours a day and seven days a week of known or suspected child abuse, neglect, or abandonment, as well as reports of known or suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult at 1-800-962-2873.

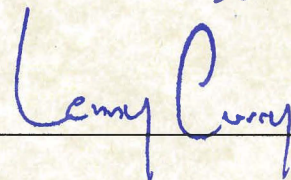
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to support efforts and organizations that work to protect and safeguard children from abuse and neglect.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 25th day of June
in the year Two Thousand 20



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA