



PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS: National Crime Victims' Rights Week is recognized each April to ensure that all victims are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response that promotes healing, fosters strength, and helps ease pain and suffering; and

WHEREAS: Each year, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes which can lead to emotional, psychological, physical, and financial harm, with victims' pain often extending to loved ones and their communities; and

WHEREAS: Enacted by Congress in 1984, the Victims of Crime Act asserts a national commitment to helping crime victims rebuild their lives through acknowledgement and recognition their rights by treating them with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS: Providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment; and

WHEREAS: Crime victims who feel understood and advocated for are more likely to divulge their victimization, seek services, and participate in the judicial process; and

WHEREAS: In Jacksonville, our community recognizes the importance of honoring the courageous victims and the professions who have made outstanding contributions to victims, making a difference in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 18 – 24, 2021 as

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize to join forces with the City of Jacksonville, criminal justice professionals, and victim services providers in our shared commitment to improving our response to all victims of crime by promoting assistance, support, justice, and peace.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 2nd day of April
in the year Two Thousand 21

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA