



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville is committed to the prevention, treatment, and recovery of adults and youth with substance abuse disorders; and

**WHEREAS:** The citizens of Jacksonville resolve to play their part in reducing the toll of overdoses in our community, which claimed the lives of more than 550 Jacksonville residents in 2020 and forever impacted countless others; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville affirms that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and all are deserving of our love, compassion, and support; and

**WHEREAS:** The Jacksonville community resolves to work together to ensure all citizens can receive the quality mental health and substance abuse treatment they need to succeed and live a productive and healthy life; and

**WHEREAS:** Local law enforcement, first responders, mental health providers, doctors, nurses, and other professionals across the city who tirelessly work to protect our communities are pivotal in Jacksonville's fight against the overdose epidemic; and

**WHEREAS:** Statewide and locally, ISaveFL.com is a resource for residents to search for providers in our community who offer free naloxone, a medication that can temporarily restore the breathing of someone experiencing an opioid overdose while waiting for emergency medical services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 as

## OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of loved ones lost to an overdose and to raise awareness regarding substance abuse and help prevent future overdoses in our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June  
in the year Two Thousand 21

*Lenny Curry*

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA