



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in over 16,000 of our country's young people each and every year; and

**WHEREAS:** One in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers. An estimated 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer globally each and every year; and

**WHEREAS:** Founded nearly thirty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic branch of the Max Factor cosmetics family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. along with Lions Clubs International are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS:** The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Wolfson Children's Hospital at Baptist Medical Center, Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center, Nemours Children's Health / Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, Baptist - MD Anderson Cancer Center in Jacksonville, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS:** The American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor toy distributions, family sailing programs, positive appearance programs, pet-assisted therapy, Laughternoon - Laughter is Healing, KCC Supercar Experience, educational programs and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

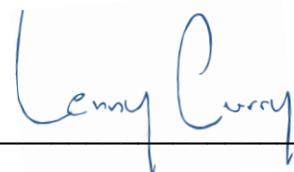
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 26 – March 4, 2023 as

## **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of childhood cancer and the support efforts being made in our community to assist those fighting this tragic battle



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Feb. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA