



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: A disease is considered rare if it affects fewer than 200,000 Americans; and

WHEREAS: There are approximately 7,000 known rare diseases. These conditions are often lifelong, and many are terminal. Moreover, approximately two-thirds of those affected with a rare disease are children; and

WHEREAS: According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), 1 in 10 people in our state live with a rare disease; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville has a robust healthcare network of hospitals, outpatient facilities, and rehabilitation clinics who all work together to help diagnose and treat rare diseases through the Northeast Florida region; and

WHEREAS: Launched in 2008, Rare Disease Day was created to raise awareness of the need for equitable access to diagnosis, treatment, and support for people affected by a rare disease.

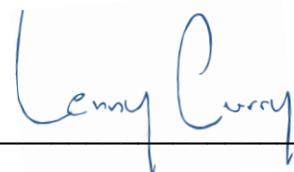
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2023 as

RARE DISEASE DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to support those in the community living with rare diseases.



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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA