



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Endometriosis is a complex disease in which the tissue that lines the Uterus grows outside the Uterus, causing pain and/or infertility; and

**WHEREAS:** Endometriosis affects roughly 200 million individuals across the globe. It can affect women and girls from all races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS:** Endometriosis is a chronic disease that negatively impacts the quality of life of those diagnosed with it. It can cause severe pain, fatigue, nausea, depression, anxiety, and infertility. It can take an average of 10 years to properly diagnose, and affected youth can miss out on crucial school and social moments; and

**WHEREAS:** Currently, there is no known cure for endometriosis, and treatment is centered around pain and symptom management. Access to early diagnosis and treatment is crucial, but is often lacking in low- and middle-income communities; and

**WHEREAS:** The variety of symptoms and a lack of awareness of Endometriosis can lead to a delay between onset of symptoms and final diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS:** Shed A light On ENDO (SALO) is a virtual event taking place February 28 – March 1, 2023. SALO serves to connect individuals and resources, raise awareness, and support those living with Endometriosis in the Jacksonville community; and

**WHEREAS:** It is imperative to raise awareness of Endometriosis and continue to invest in research, wide-spread early detection, screenings, treatments, and possible prevention of this disease. Individuals can show their support by wearing yellow to raise awareness of Endometriosis in Jacksonville.

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

## **ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to wear yellow and raise awareness of the signs, symptoms, and treatments of Endometriosis in the community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 9th 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