



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Social Workers have worked for more than a century to improve the human well-being and enhance the basic needs of all people. They help empower individuals, families, communities, and our nation overcome issues that prevent them from reaching their full potential; and

WHEREAS: Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics that call on them to fight social injustice and respect the dignity and worth of all people; and

WHEREAS: The 2023 Social Work Month theme, "Social Work Breaks Barriers" embodies how social workers help empower individuals, families, communities, and our society to overcome hurdles that prevent them from achieving better well-being; and

WHEREAS: Social workers are the largest of group of mental health care providers in the United States, serve on the frontline of the nation's opioid epidemic, and help individuals and families cope with grief and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS: The Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States, with about 708,000 social workers today and more than 60,000 more social workers expected to enter the profession over the next decade; and

WHEREAS: Social Workers continue to push for change in our community, advocating for families in need, and providing crucial services to people of all backgrounds.

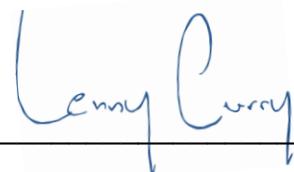
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2023 as

SOCIAL WORK MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join the National Association of Social Workers and the National Association of Social Workers of the Northeast Unit in celebration and support of the Social Work Profession.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 27th Day of Feb. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA