



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Sexual Assault Awareness Month raises awareness of year-round efforts that call attention to the prevalence of sexual violence and its widespread impacts, while educating communities on how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS: No one community is immune to sexual assault, and members across race, gender, and class can experience sexual assault; and

WHEREAS: However, statistics show some individuals are more likely to be subject to sexual harassment, assault, and abuse than others; and

WHEREAS: More than 1 in 4 Black women, 1 in 3 Hispanic women, and 4 in 5 Native American women experience sexual assault in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS: Individuals who lack systemic supports, like those living with intellectual disabilities, also experience higher instances of sexual violence; and

WHEREAS: The theme of this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign in Duval County is "Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity." This theme spotlights how certain groups of people are at higher risk for sexual violence, and those same people are also the most impacted by inequitable systems and oppression in our society; and

WHEREAS: This theme calls on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change ourselves and the systems surrounding us to build equity and respect; and

WHEREAS: Preventing sexual violence is the ultimate goal and is everyone's responsibility. Drawing Connections recognizes that ending all forms of oppression will end sexual harassment, assault, and abuse.

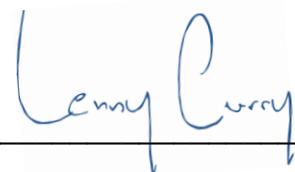
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to take action to prevent sexual violence and create change for the future.



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

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

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA