



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Dyslexia is a learning disability that can affect an individual's ability to speak, read and spell; and

**WHEREAS:** Dyslexia affects almost 20 percent of people in the United States. It is the most common type of learning disability affecting children; and

**WHEREAS:** There is no relationship between Dyslexia and intelligence. With proper support, individuals diagnosed with Dyslexia are capable of learning and mastering reading, writing, and speaking; and

**WHEREAS:** There are many tools available to support individuals with Dyslexia. However, the best method of intervention is early screening and detection. Early detection can ensure individuals living with Dyslexia receive the proper support, accommodations, and tools they need to be successful; and

**WHEREAS:** Aashna Shah has written three children books meant to educate and raise awareness of childhood Dyslexia, ADHD, and anxiety disorders and continues to be an advocate for children throughout the country living with learning disabilities; and

**WHEREAS:** Undiagnosed Dyslexia can lead to anxiety, depression, and cause children to fall behind in school. Individuals like Aashna Shah are raising awareness in the community for the need for routine, early screening of all children for learning disabilities, including Dyslexia.

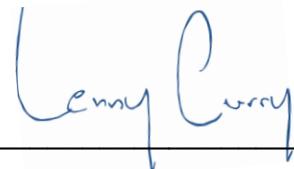
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 8 -14, 2023 as

## **DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of the prevalence of learning disabilities and encourage routine, early screenings to help diagnose and support individuals with learning disabilities.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 13th Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA