



PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS: Nearly 1 in 5 American adults will have a diagnosable mental health condition in any given year, with nearly 46% of Americans experiencing some form of mental health condition at some point in their life; and

WHEREAS: Many barriers can bar individuals from receiving diagnosis and treatment, including financial barriers and internal and external stigma; and

WHEREAS: Stigma against those experiencing mental health issues, or against mental health treatment, can dissuade individuals from seeking diagnosis and treatment for their issues, lowering quality of life, and impacting all realms of an individual's life; and

WHEREAS: The Step-by-Step 4 Help Foundation is working to engage the Jacksonville community on the topic of mental health, provide screenings and services to individuals in the community, and reduce stigma for seeking treatment; and

WHEREAS: The annual Shade of Green Mental Health Awards Gala serves to recognize the hundreds of people who work to provide treatment and supports to those experiencing mental health issues.

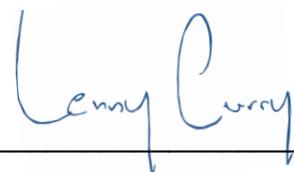
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2023 as

SHADES OF GREEN MENTAL HEALTH AWARDS GALA DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join in celebrating the professionals who work every day to diagnose, treat, and support those facing mental health conditions in the community.



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