

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance well-being and support the needs of all people, especially vulnerable populations. With nearly 650,000 in the profession, social workers are the nation's largest network of mental health care providers; and

**WHEREAS:** For more than a century, social workers have been a driving force in the advancement of equal rights in Northeast Florida and across the United States; and

**WHEREAS:** Social workers are regarded as compassionate professionals who use their education, training and experience to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex choices and issues, like substance use disorders and mental illnesses, and connect them to available resources; and

**WHEREAS:** Social workers are dedicated to improving society by working to promote happiness, health and prosperity in all areas of our community, including government, schools, universities, the military, businesses, social service agencies, and health care facilities; and

**WHEREAS:** In times of disaster, social workers deploy across the globe to help individuals and families overcome the devastation and upheaval caused by catastrophic events; and

**WHEREAS:** National Social Work Month is recognized each March, including locally by the National Association of Social Workers' Northeast Florida Unit. This year's theme, "Elevate Social Work," highlights the extraordinary contributions of those in the profession committed to bettering our communities and society.

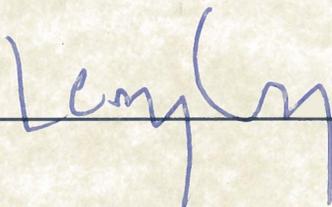
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

## **SOCIAL WORK MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in celebrating the tremendous contributions of social work professionals and the positive impact they have on the overall quality of life in our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March  
in the year Two Thousand 19

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA