

PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Among cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Approximately 140,000 Americans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year, and more than 50,000 succumb to the disease; and

WHEREAS: More than 90 percent of colorectal cancers occur in people aged 45 and older, and risk increases with age. The CDC recommends men and women between the ages of 50 and 75 receive regular colonoscopy screenings, as well as those outside that age range who are at higher risk for developing the disease due to familial history or certain genetic disorders; and

WHEREAS: Among adults aged 45 to 75, the CDC estimates one quarter have never been screened. Early diagnosis is key to most effectively treating the disease and improving overall prognoses; and

WHEREAS: March is recognized as National Colorectal Cancer Month, and supporters are encouraged to wear blue on the first Friday of the month to raise awareness of the disease and the importance of regular screenings; and

WHEREAS: The 11th annual March to Get Screened 5K in Jacksonville, held on March 29, is presented by the local nonprofit Borland Groover Foundation for Research and Education. The 5K race raises funds for colon cancer awareness, research, and education, as well as financial assistance for patients.

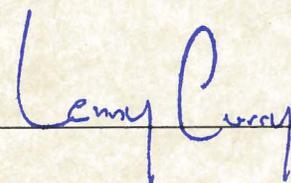
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as

COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to learn their risk for the disease and to raise awareness of the importance of early detection and screening.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 17th day of February
in the year Two Thousand Twenty



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA