



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Gastroparesis is a chronic illness which, according to National Institutes of Health (NIH) estimates, affects more than 5 million people in the United States, though is little known or understood; and

**WHEREAS:** Gastroparesis medically translates to "paralysis of the stomach" which is characterized by sometimes debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, and early satiety; and

**WHEREAS:** The illness can lead to serious complications such as dehydration, extreme weight fluctuations, malnourishment, esophageal damage, and erratic blood sugar levels; and

**WHEREAS:** There is little awareness, no known cure, and few safe, reliable, and effective medications or treatments for gastroparesis; and

**WHEREAS:** Increasing awareness of gastroparesis will further research efforts, leading to additional treatment and medication options, and hope for the future; and

**WHEREAS:** We seek to educate the citizens of Jacksonville, the medical community, and the general public regarding the devastating effects of this disorder to increase the quality of life for those affected.

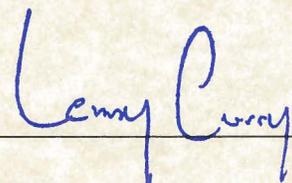
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 2019 as

## **GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH**

in Jacksonville to promote awareness of this condition for the good of public health.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July  
in the year Two Thousand Nineteen



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA