

PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Spinal Muscle Atrophy (SMA) is a disease that affects motor nerve cells in the spinal cord, inhibiting the ability to walk, eat, or breathe; and

WHEREAS: SMA is caused by a mutation in the survival motor neuron gene that produces proteins critical to nerve function and muscle control; and

WHEREAS: The genetic mutation affects approximately 1 in 11,000 babies and is the number one genetic cause of death for infants under the age of two; and

WHEREAS: One in 50 Americans is a genetic carrier of SMA which can affect any race, ethnicity, or gender. Increased awareness of SMA has expanded treatments that target the underlying genetics of SMA; and

WHEREAS: Continued support and attentiveness to SMA research will further enhance treatments and breakthroughs to prevent the detrimental effects of the condition; and

WHEREAS: The nonprofit organization Cure SMA, which has a Greater Florida chapter, works to raise money for SMA research programs, leading to clinical trials and the discovery of treatments that provide new hope to families and patients.

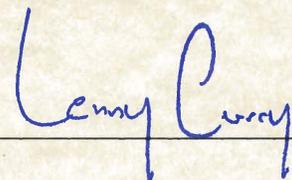
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 2019 as

SMA AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to learn about this debilitating disease and support efforts leading to new treatments for those affected.



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



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA