



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Each September, the US Department of Health and Human Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration sponsor National Recovery Month; and

WHEREAS: Recovery Month celebrates the millions of Americans who are in recovery from mental and/or substance use disorders, reminding us all that treatment is effective and that people can and do recover; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that approximately 20.1 million Americans ages 12 and older have a substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS: According to the Florida Department of Health, 9,671 individuals in Florida died in 2017 as a result of a drug-related deaths; with Duval reporting the third highest deaths by county; and

WHEREAS: Throughout Recovery Month, people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental and substance use disorders, which can lead more people into treatment; and

WHEREAS: Managing the effects of these conditions can help people achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS: With this year's theme of *Join the Voices for Recovery. Together We Are Stronger*, River Regions Human Services, Gateway Community Services, and Beaches Recovery continue to improve the lives of those affected by mental and/or substance use disorders by raising awareness and education communities about the prevention, treatment, and recovery resources that are available.

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

RECOVERY MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to celebrate the 30th anniversary of National Recovery Month.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 23rd day of August
in the year Two Thousand Nineteen

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA