



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville is committed to the prevention, treatment, and recovery of adults and youth with substance use disorders; and

**WHEREAS:** The citizens of Jacksonville resolve to play their part in reducing the toll of overdoses in our community, which claims the lives of hundreds of Jacksonville residents each year and forever affects countless others; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville affirms that the people affected by overdoses are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and all are deserving of our love, compassion, and support; and

**WHEREAS:** The Jacksonville community resolves to work together to ensure all citizens can receive the quality mental health and substance use treatment they need to succeed and live a productive and healthy life; and

**WHEREAS:** Local law enforcement, first responders, mental health providers, doctors, nurses, and other professionals across the city who tirelessly work to protect our communities are pivotal in Jacksonville's fight against the overdose epidemic; and

**WHEREAS:** Statewide and locally, ISaveFL.com is a resource for residents to search for providers in our community who offer free naloxone, a medication that can temporarily restore the breathing of someone experiencing an opioid overdose while waiting for emergency medical services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2023 as

## **OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of loved ones lost to an overdose and to raise awareness regarding substance use and help prevent future overdoses in our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 11th Day of Aug. in the year  
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA