



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Each year in June, Men’s Health Month is a time for the public to recognize the mental and physical health needs of men and boys while encouraging fathers to be role models for their children; and

WHEREAS: Despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of five years less than women, with Native American and African-American men having the lowest life expectancy. And as COVID-19 is affecting lives across the country, the Centers for Disease Control reports that males are more likely to die from this pandemic; and

WHEREAS: Safe behaviors including social distancing, wearing masks, and being vaccinated will help stop the spread of COVID-19 and, in addition, educating the public and healthcare providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and

WHEREAS: Men who are educated about the value that preventive health can play in prolonging their lifespan and their role as productive family members will be more likely to participate in health screenings; and

WHEREAS: The Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop a national men’s health awareness period as a special campaign to help educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices; and

WHEREAS: In Jacksonville, citizens are highly encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups which can help early detection for a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, mental health matters, diabetes, and prostate, testicular and colon cancers.

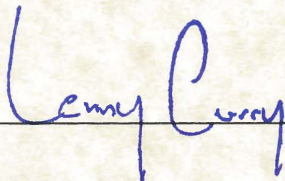
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as

MENS HEALTH MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts throughout the year.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19th day of March
in the year Two Thousand 21


MAYOR