

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS: Mosquito-borne diseases - including malaria, yellow fever, West Nile

virus, and Zika – have historically been a source of human and animal suffering, illness, and death in the United States and worldwide; and

WHEREAS: The American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) seeks to control

the mosquito population by promoting its "Three D's" of mosquito prevention: Drain, Dress, and Defend. Residents are encouraged to empty water containers at least once per week; wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that covers the arms and legs; and properly apply an approved repellent such as DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon-

eucalyptus; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville's Mosquito Control Division works to educate

the public on efforts and practices to reduce mosquito populations;

and

WHEREAS: Residents can assist in the prevention of mosquito breeding areas by

eliminating sources of standing water, such as clearing gutters of debris, refreshing pet water bowls regularly, and scheduling collection

for any unused tires; and

WHEREAS: Reducing the number of nuisance mosquitoes in the Jacksonville area

will promote the continued enjoyment of our outdoor spaces and

minimize the spread of mosquito-borne diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 21-25, 2021 as

MOSQUITO CONTROL AWARENESS WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to educate themselves on ways to prevent mosquito breeding and protect themselves from the risks and threats of mosquito-borne illnesses.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 21st day of June in the year Two Thousand 21

MAYOR