



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

**WHEREAS:** Prevention of substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people can recover in our area and around the nation; and

**WHEREAS:** Preventing and overcoming substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

**WHEREAS:** We must encourage relatives and friends of people with substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

**WHEREAS:** To help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health, and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and The Oxford House network in Florida invite all residents of Jacksonville to participate in National Recovery Month.

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

## RECOVERY MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the signs of substance use disorders and support those on their journey to recovery.



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

  
MAYOR