



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that approximately 37 million people worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS; and an estimated 1.1 million of them are Americans, as reported by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS: As of 2017, Duval County has the fifth-highest rate of new HIV infections in Florida, with more than 6,400 individuals currently living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS: The CDC estimates that the number of newly diagnosed cases of HIV dropped by nearly 8 percent in 2015. Early diagnosis is key to most effectively treating the disease and improving overall prognoses; and

WHEREAS: World AIDS Day, observed annually on December 1, challenges everyone to recognize our individual and collective roles in global efforts to change the course of the AIDS epidemic. The observance raises awareness of the disease, fosters support for those affected by it, and serves as a way to share prevention methods to reduce its spread; and

WHEREAS: As part of the annual local observance of World AIDS Day, the NAMES Project Foundation's North Florida Quilt Chapter displays an AIDS Memorial Quilt in City Hall to remember victims of the AIDS epidemic. Visitors can view the display from November 19 through December 3, and participate in the Quilt Ceremony to be held in the atrium on November 26.

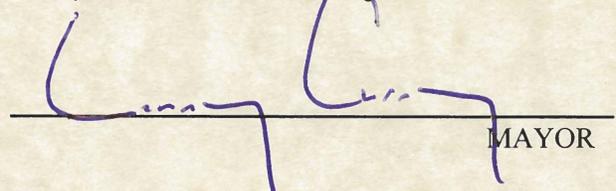
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2018 as

WORLD AIDS DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to support efforts to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS and join this global challenge to prevent its further spread.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19th day of November
in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA