

# PROCLAMATION

**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.

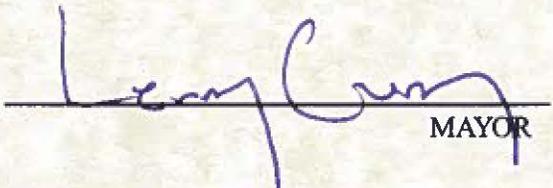
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 24 - 30, 2018 as

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June  
in the year Two Thousand 18

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA