



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) is the largest organization in the US representing dental hygienists. National Dental Hygiene Month was first established by the ADHA in 2009 and recognized each year in October; and

WHEREAS: The Northeast Florida Dental Hygienists' Association is a non-profit organization committed to "promoting access to dental hygiene services for all and supporting justice and fairness in the distribution of health care resources." The organization provides over 12 hours of continuing education courses each year to local hygienists and participates in local community service events; and

WHEREAS: Both practicing dental hygienists and students volunteer at local Jacksonville events such as the Florida Dental Association's Mission of Mercy event, American Dental Association's Give Kids a Smile event, Special Olympics Special Smiles Florida, the Duval Health Departments, City Rescue Mission, as well as other agencies and events year round; and

WHEREAS: The primary focus of National Dental Hygiene Month is to increase public awareness about the importance of maintaining good oral health and to educate the public all year round on the connection between oral health and overall health; and

WHEREAS: The services provided by dental hygienists are invaluable as they support their patients' oral health which leads to a great impact on overall health and well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as

DENTAL HYGIENE MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize dental hygienist's commitment to healthcare and the importance of dental health.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 14th day of September
in the year Two Thousand Twenty

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA