



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Autistic Floridians have contributed greatly to the cultural and historical landscape of Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS: Autistic People have a right to be proud of who they are and have society recognize value in their neural differences. 1 in 59 people in Jacksonville identify as Autistic; and

WHEREAS: We seek to celebrate the acceptance of Autistic People - their unique culture, history, pride, and achievements as well as recognize their continued struggle for equality and full inclusion in society; and

WHEREAS: We encourage employers to see the value in hiring Autistic people and the positive contributions they bring to Jacksonville workplaces; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville is home to advocacy organizations such as Florida Sands, Arc, and Able Trust High School that have a long history of serving the Jacksonville community. It is vital that we allow the Autistic community to speak for themselves and engage in productive conversation with all Jacksonville residents; and

WHEREAS: It is vital that we celebrate and acknowledge the pride, achievements, culture, and contributions of this unique minority group in Jacksonville, Florida.

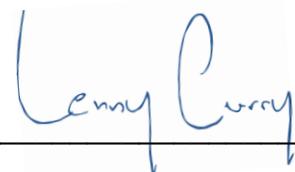
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April as

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH



in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of the needs and contributions of Jacksonville's Autistic community and recognize the need for acceptance of individuals with Autism.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 22nd Day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA