



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Since 1983, April has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Children are often the targets of neglect, mental, physical, and sexual abuse, which occurs mainly within their household and can oftentimes lead to filicide; and

WHEREAS: There are approximately 500 filicide cases that occur in the U.S. annually; and

WHEREAS: Community-wide efforts have proven to be essential at preventing and safeguarding our children and their futures by providing loving and nurturing relationships and environments in which they can excel and thrive; and

WHEREAS: Every Floridian is designated a mandatory reporter and is expected to abide by the "if you see something, say something" motto. The Florida Abuse Hotline accepts reports of known or suspected child abuse, neglect, or abandonment, as well as reports of known or suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult at 1-800-962-2873 24 hours a day and seven days a week; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville and its residents have the responsibility to pioneer the way forward in the fight to acknowledge this problem and face it head on, allowing the community to take back the narrative of this city and further the voice and impact of the filicide awareness community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 11th – 17th as

FILICIDE AWARENESS WEEK

encourage all citizens to raise awareness of filicide, become familiar with the warning signs and support the efforts within our community to assist in the prevention of another child's death due to child abuse at the hand of a parent or caregiver.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 16th day of *March*
in the year Two Thousand 21

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA