

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: American square dancing began in New England and is one of the oldest forms of recreation in the United States; and

WHEREAS: This multifaceted form of dance, performed by early settlers as a way to ease the hardships of frontier life, has sustained widespread popularity throughout the centuries and remains a family-oriented activity enjoyed by individuals of all ages; and

WHEREAS: In addition to the physical health benefits participants enjoy, dancing also promotes mental stimulation and social interactions among people of differing backgrounds; and

WHEREAS: Folk dances have played an important role in American art and culture and are prevalent in competitions, conventions and dance clubs across the country; and

WHEREAS: Square dancing has been designated as the official folk dance of the state of Florida. The month of September is recognized as Square Dance Month nationally and internationally, including by the Northeast Florida Square and Round Dancers Association.

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

SQUARE DANCE MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to learn more about square dancing and its importance in our nation's history and culture.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 31st day of August
in the year Two Thousand 18

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA