

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Pharmacy is one of the oldest medical practices, dedicated to the health and well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS: The 300,000 licensed pharmacists in the United States work to ensure the safe and effective use of all medications. Pharmacists provide a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures and are a major force in moderating overall healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS: Extensive education and training, combined with expertise and knowledge about drugs and medication therapies, make pharmacists ideally suited to work collaboratively with patients and their healthcare providers to improve medication use and outcomes; and

WHEREAS: Patients rely on pharmacists to provide expertise, knowledge and accessibility – all vital components in improving public health; and

WHEREAS: Pharmacists are best positioned to be the health care professionals to help patients adhere to their medications, and provide patient care services that ensure optimal medication therapy outcomes; and

WHEREAS: The Duval County Pharmacy Association joins the American Pharmacist Association and the Academy of Student Pharmacists each year to recognize October as American Pharmacists Month. Through sharing the message to "Know Your Pharmacist, Know Your Medicine," the observance encourages patients to work collaboratively with their pharmacists to benefit personal wellness.

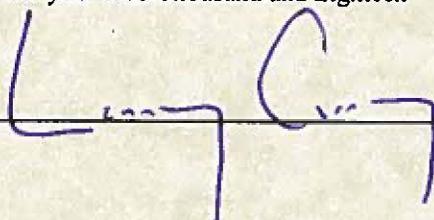
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as

PHARMACISTS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the valuable services of pharmacists who provide safe, affordable and beneficial pharmaceutical care services and products to all.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 28th day of September
in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA