



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

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

**WHEREAS:** Children are often the targets of neglect, mental, physical, and sexual abuse, this abuse occurs mainly within their household and sometimes leads to filicide; and

**WHEREAS:** Approximately 500 filicide cases occur in the U.S. annually; and

**WHEREAS:** Community-wide efforts are essential to preventing and safeguarding our children by providing loving and nurturing relationships in which they can thrive; and

**WHEREAS:** Every Floridian is a mandatory reporter. If you see something, say something. The Florida Abuse Hotline accepts reports 24 hours a day and seven days a week 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 12-18 2020 as

## **FILICIDE AWARENESS WEEK**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to support efforts and organizations that work to protect and safeguard children from abuse and neglect.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June  
in the year Two Thousand 20

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA