

WHEREAS: Jacksonville citizens of all abilities deserve equal access to employment

opportunities. Inclusive and productive workforces are built on the

strengths and abilities of all; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville's Disabled Services Division works year-round

to raise awareness of the needs of citizens with disabilities, including providing support for transportation, housing, accessibility,

discrimination and employment needs; and

WHEREAS: Each October, Disabled Services and the City of Jacksonville join the

U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy to observe National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This year's observance, themed "America's Workforce: Empowering All," provides an opportunity to educate citizens about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers

with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Among the activities and events Disabled Services will host during the

month is an Employment Workshop for Job Seekers on October 31, which will prepare participants for the 6th Annual Employment

Symposium and Reverse Job Fair on November 29; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville reaffirms the value and talent those with

disabilities add to our workplaces and communities and remains committed to promoting an inclusive community in accordance with

our mission for One City. One Jacksonville.

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

## **DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in celebrating the contributions of the diverse members of our workforce, and urge local employers to empower people with disabilities to pursue employment opportunities with their companies.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1st day of October in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

MAYOR