



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** The season between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is what the National Association of Drug Court Professionals describes as "one of the deadliest and most dangerous times on America's roadways due to an increase in impaired driving"; and

**WHEREAS:** Almost 30 percent of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers; in 2017, studies revealed that collisions due to drunk driving killed one American approximately every 48 minutes; and

**WHEREAS:** Since 1981, when the first presidential proclamation was issued for "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month," each president has recognized this observance during the month of December. President Barack Obama renamed it "National Impaired Driving Prevention Month" to include other driving distractions such as the use of cell phones; and

**WHEREAS:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) redoubles its efforts each holiday season to promote the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, joining forces with law enforcement agencies across the country; and

**WHEREAS:** Holiday partygoers are urged to consider their safe transportation options ahead of time, through public transportation, ride services or a committed designated driver; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville's "All in Duval" campaign reminds all users of our roadways – motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians – that traveling safely is a responsibility we all share. Learn more at [coj.net/AllInDuval](http://coj.net/AllInDuval).

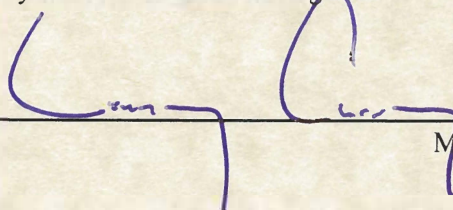
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim December 2018 as

## **IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to commit to a safe holiday season by avoiding distractions on our roadways.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19th day of November  
in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA