

WHEREAS: The month of March is nationally recognized as Women's History

Month, a time of reflection and expression of gratitude for the

valuable contributions women make to our society; and

WHEREAS: In observance of Women's History Month, PACE Center for Girls

recognizes that every woman was once a girl, full of promise and

potential; and

WHEREAS: Each year, thousands of girls are referred to the Florida Department

of Juvenile Justice, the majority of which have experienced significant

trauma, instability, sexual violence and/or academic failure; and

WHEREAS: As a nationally-recognized, holistic, research-based and gender-

responsive program, PACE's mission is to prevent girls from entering the juvenile justice system through its programming throughout the

state of Florida; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville joins PACE in recognizing the need for prevention and

intervention programming, and promotes a vision that every girl

should have the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

BELIEVING IN GIRLS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the many contributions of PACE Center for Girls in helping young women reach their full potential, both locally and statewide.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 14th day of March in the year Two Thousand 19

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