

WHEREAS: Hemophilia is a rare genetic disorder that prevents blood from clotting

properly due to lack of sufficient proteins, leading to symptoms such as excessive bleeding, deep bruising, joint pain, muscle weakness and

frequent nosebleeds; and

WHEREAS: An estimated 20,000 Americans live with hemophilia, with studies

showing that hemophilia A affects one in 5,000 male births and nearly

400 infants are born with hemophilia B every year; and

WHEREAS: Most people that suffer from hemophilia in the United States are

diagnosed at a young age: 36 months for mild cases, eight months for

moderate cases, and one month for severe cases; and

WHEREAS: Since 1996, the Hemophilia Foundation of Greater Florida has served

citizens with bleeding disorders through targeted programs, medically supervised camps, scholarships, education resources, and financial

assistance; and

WHEREAS: The World Federation of Hemophilia recognizes April 17, 2019 as World

Hemophilia Day to increase awareness and understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as

mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2019 as

WORLD HEMOPHILIA DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to increase awareness of understanding of bleeding disorders and support efforts to improve quality of life for those affected.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 26th day of MARCH in the year Two Thousand

MAYOR