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WHEREAS: Golf is an \$84.1 billion industry and an estimated 24.2 million

golfers in the United States played 434 million rounds at American

golf facilities in 2018; and

Since the game's beginning in 15th-century Scotland, the sport has **WHEREAS:**

provided physical and social wellness to countless players of all

nationalities, backgrounds, and ages; and

WHEREAS: Northeast Florida golf courses provide significant benefits to our

local economy, quality of life, and culture; and

WHEREAS: With its first course established in 1925, Jacksonville continues a

long and rich history as a golfing destination and is home to more

than 50 area golf courses; and

THE PLAYERS Championship has been a hallmark of Northeast WHEREAS:

Florida since 1977, and was the first tournament played on the

world-famous TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course in March 1982; and

Since its inception, THE PLAYERS has supported the Northeast WHEREAS:

> Florida community by raising over \$100 million for area charities that provide youth enrichment, education, character development,

health and wellness, and military support.

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

GOLF MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to share in the celebration of the game of golf and its impact on our region.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 12 day of July in the year Two Thousand