

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and

is the fastest growing and second most common neurodegenerative

disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Parkinson's disease is estimated to affect approximately 64,000

Floridians and one million people in the United States, and is growing

at a rate in excess of 60,000 new people per year; and

WHEREAS: Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United

States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

and

WHEREAS: Research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination

of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause and

progression of the disease is not known; and

WHEREAS: There is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson's disease, and

there is no known cure or drug to slow the halt or progression of the

disease; and

WHEREAS: The symptoms of Parkinson's disease take the form of motor, non-

motor, and psychological forms of expression and vary in intensity

from person to person; and

WHEREAS: Increased research, education and community support, and services

provided by the Parkinson's Foundation, the many regional support groups, and other organizations are working to provide access to

quality, cost-effective care.

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

Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of the need for research and support for those in the community living with Parkinson's disease.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 27th Day of Feb. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

MAYOR