

WHEREAS: Pharmacists, once known as apothecaries, have held a key role in

healthcare since the early 17th century. As one of the oldest medical practices, pharmacy is dedicated to the health and well-

being of all people; and

WHEREAS: Pharmacists are experts in the successful use of today's complex

medications and are important partners for healthcare providers

and patients; and

WHEREAS: Patients in hospitals and outpatient clinics receive better care when

pharmacists are directly involved in medication management

decisions; and

WHEREAS: The expertise, knowledge and accessibility of pharmacists can

contribute to reduced costs, effective health systems, and improved

medication therapy outcomes; and

WHEREAS: The pharmacists and pharmacy technicians practicing in the

inpatient, outpatient, home care, and long-term care settings in Jacksonville are important to the healthcare system and all who

utilize medications for their health.

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

October 14 - 20, 2018 as

PHARMACY WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize local pharmacists and pharmacy technicians for the important role they play in educating patients, promoting safe and effective use of medication, and contributing to the overall health and well-being of our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 28th day of September in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

MAYOR