



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Quality, affordable and accessible patient-centered healthcare contributes to the well-being of all citizens; and

WHEREAS: Physician assistants (PAs) play a vital role in this arena, helping patients understand their medical needs and striving to empower patients to become effective advocates for themselves; and

WHEREAS: PAs are academically and clinically prepared to provide healthcare services, including, but not limited to, the diagnosis and treatment of illnesses, administration of surgical care, and prescription of medications. PAs often work in partnership with a physician but occasionally serve as a patient's main healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS: PAs are an invaluable asset to medical communities, especially for patients who live and work in medically underserved areas and rural communities throughout Northeast Florida. They are often the first point of contact for many patients; and

WHEREAS: As part of the healthcare team, PAs are integral to the delivery of efficient and effective healthcare services to all citizens of Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS: Each year, from October 6-12, the Florida Academy of Physician Assistants (FAPA) joins in the nationwide observance of National PA Week. Regional representatives encourage Northeast Florida residents to honor the contributions of these medical professionals.

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 6-12, 2018 as

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (PA) WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize physician assistants for the significant impact they have made – and continue to make – as critical members of the healthcare team.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 5th day of October in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA