

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Among cancers that affect both men and women, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Approximately 140,000 Americans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year, and more than 50,000 succumb to the disease; and

**WHEREAS:** More than 90 percent of colorectal cancers occur in people aged 50 and older, and risk increases with age. The CDC recommends men and women between the ages of 50 and 75 receive regular colonoscopy screenings, as well as those outside that age range who are at higher risk for developing the disease due to familial history or certain genetic disorders; and

**WHEREAS:** Among adults aged 50 to 75, the CDC estimates one quarter have never been screened. Early diagnosis is key to most effectively treating the disease and improving overall prognoses; and

**WHEREAS:** March is recognized as National Colorectal Cancer Month, and supporters are encouraged to wear blue on the first Friday of the month to raise awareness of the disease and the importance of regular screenings; and

**WHEREAS:** The 10th annual March to Get Screened 5K in Jacksonville – which raises funds for colon cancer awareness, research and education, as well as financial assistance for patients – will be held on March 31. It is presented by the local nonprofit Borland Groover Foundation for Research and Education.

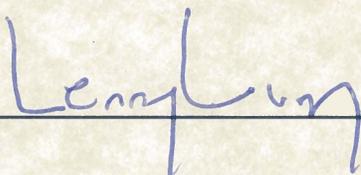
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as

## **MARCH TO GET SCREENED for Colon Cancer Awareness**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to learn their risk for the disease and to raise awareness of the importance of early detection and screening.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February  
in the year Two Thousand 19

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA