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PROCLAMATION

- **WHEREAS:** Domestic violence is a crime that cuts across our community, devastating people of all races, genders, ages, and socioeconomic levels; and
- WHEREAS: More than 8,000 domestic violence offenses were reported to Duval County law enforcement in 2019 and many more went unreported; and
- **WHEREAS:** Domestic violence destroys an individual's security, dignity and prevents individuals from reaching or expressing their full potential in our community; and
- **WHEREAS:** The destructive impact of domestic violence is wide-reaching, affecting children, families, corporations, the criminal justice system, medical communities, and society as a whole; and
- WHEREAS: Victims of domestic violence suffer grave financial, physical and psychological losses, and it is vital for our community to support these victims and their children; and
- **WHEREAS:** The perpetrators of domestic violence should face legal sanctions and receive help to overcome their abusive behavior; and
- **WHEREAS:** Hubbard House, Inc., strives to eradicate domestic violence in Jacksonville, providing life-saving and life-changing shelter and services to more than 3,000 adults and children each year, and promoting its mission of "safety, empowerment and social change for survivors of domestic violence and their families."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in working to eliminate the personal and institutional violence against adults and children, to encourage healthy, supportive relationships, and recognize the vital role Hubbard House plays in serving this vulnerable portion of our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 81 day of September in the year Two Thousand Twenty

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA