



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects how the human body turns food into energy, the body either does not make enough insulin or cannot use the insulin it makes as well as it should; and

WHEREAS: If there is not enough insulin or cells stop responding to insulin, too much sugar stays in the bloodstream and can lead to serious health problems such as heart disease, vision loss, and/or kidney disease; and

WHEREAS: The CDC has reported that 34.2 million Americans have diabetes, 88 million American adults have prediabetes, and new diagnoses cases of type 1 and type 2 diabetes have significantly increased among U.S. youth; and

WHEREAS: In the last twenty years, the number of adults diagnosed with diabetes has more than doubled as the American population ages and becomes more overweight. Diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the United States, and may be underreported; and

WHEREAS: In Florida, it is estimated that over 2.4 million people have diabetes and over 5.8 million have prediabetes, if trends continue one in every three adults could have diabetes by 2050. This is particularly a concern in Florida as we have the second largest population of adults ages 65 and older in the nation; and

WHEREAS: Individuals with any type of poorly managed diabetes may develop serious complications that can lead to disability and work loss, which can potentially reduce their overall quality of life. While there is no cure for diabetes, leading a healthy lifestyle can help.

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

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to increase public awareness about the dangers of diabetes and the need for continued research and education efforts.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this *20th* day of *October*
in the year Two Thousand *Twenty*

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA