

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS: Arteriovenous Malformation (AVM) is a rare genetic condition that

occurs when a group of arteries or veins incorrectly forms during

prenatal development or shortly after an individual's birth; and

WHEREAS: AVM affects fewer than 200,000 babies per year, meaning many are

not aware of the effects of this condition; and

WHEREAS: AVM can have devastating effects on infants and children. People living

with AVM require surgeries, and often experience aneurysms, seizures, severe swelling, and increased risk of internal rupture and bleeding;

and

WHEREAS: 50% of AVM patients will have a sudden hemorrhage, brain bleed, or

stroke in their lifetime, potentially leaving them with brain damage or a

long-term disability; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville is fortunate to be the home of various

nationally renowned youth medical centers that offer treatment and

support for individuals diagnosed and living with AVM.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

ARTERIOVENOUS MALFORMATION AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of Arteriovenous Malformation and support efforts being made in our community to assist those fighting this rare genetic disorder.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 14th day of Sep in the year Two Thousand and twenty one

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CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA