



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

- WHEREAS:** Domestic Violence does not affect just one group of people, it is a crime that harms individuals of all races, genders, ages, and socioeconomic levels; and
- WHEREAS:** Lockdowns and isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic continue to exacerbate domestic violence issues, and cause many incidents go unreported and unseen; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2020, there were over 8,700 domestic violence offenses reported in Duval County. Reports are on the rise and the number of offenses increased by 8%; and
- WHEREAS:** Domestic violence places a huge burden on its survivors with impacts that can be felt financially, physically, and psychologically. We must support survivors of domestic violence as they recover and regain their autonomy and sense of safety; and
- WHEREAS:** The perpetrators of these crimes should be held accountable and educated to help break the cycles of abuse; and
- WHEREAS:** Hubbard House, Inc. provides life-saving resources to more than 5,000 survivors of domestic violence every year through a variety of free services to adults and children, all working to support the safety and empowerment of survivors of domestic violence.

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

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the vital role Hubbard House Inc. plays in serving vulnerable citizens and join them in working to eliminate domestic violence and encourage healthy relationships.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 16th day of Aug
in the year Two Thousand Twenty One

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA