

- WHEREAS:Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the
United States in both men and women; and
- **WHEREAS:** Colorectal cancer is one of the few cancers that can be prevented with timely screening. However, 1 in 3 eligible Americans do not undergo regular preventative screenings; and
- **WHEREAS:** Colorectal cancer is estimated to become the most common death causing cancer for individuals aged 20-49 by the year 2030; and
- **WHEREAS:** The COVID-19 pandemic has prevented many from seeking regular screenings. The National Cancer Institute estaimtes that there could be as many as 4,500 additional colorectal cancer deaths due to this lack of preventative care; and
- WHEREAS: The National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable continues to work to raise awareness of the need to increase regular, preventative colorectal cancer screening rates by 80% among those eligible for screening; and
- **WHEREAS:** Colorectal cancer affects every community in the United States. Early detection is key to saving the lives of those diagnosed with colorectal cancer.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of the prevalence of colorectal cancer in our community and the need for eligible individuals to seek regular screenings.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 23rd Day of Feb. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE. FLORIDA