

- **WHEREAS:** Endometriosis is a complex disease in which tissue similar to the lining of the Uterus grows outside the uterus, causing pain and/or infertility; and
- **WHEREAS:** Endometriosis affects roughly 190 million reproductive-age women and girls across the globe. It can affect women and girls from all races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and
- **WHEREAS:** Endometriosis is a chronic disease that negatively impacts the quality of life of those diagnosed with it. It can cause severe pain, fatigue, nausea, depression, anxiety, and infertility; and
- WHEREAS: Currently, there is no known cure for endometriosis, and treatment is centered around pain and symptom management. Access to early diagnosis and treatment is crucial, but is often lacking in low- and middle-income communities; and
- **WHEREAS:** The variety of symptoms and a lack of awareness of Endometriosis can lead to a delay between onset of symptoms and final diagnosis; and
- **WHEREAS:** It is imperative to raise awareness of Endometriosis and continue to invest in research, wide-spread early detection, screenings, treatments, and possible prevention of this disease.
- **NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as

## **ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to raise awareness of the signs, symptoms, and treatments of Endometriosis in the community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 21st Day of Sep. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

MAYOR

## CITY OF JACKSONVILLE. FLORIDA