



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

- WHEREAS:** Sexual Assault Awareness Month uplifts year-round efforts that call attention to the prevalence of sexual violence and its widespread impacts, while promoting responses that lead to positive cultural change; and
- WHEREAS:** According to the CDC, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact during their lifetime; and
- WHEREAS:** Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment continue to harm our community. The goal of this month is to raise public awareness about sexual violence, provide education on individual and societal impacts, and encourage community level responses to sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS:** The theme of this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign in Duval County is "Healing: Past, Present, and Future". This theme focuses on transgenerational trauma, recognizing that traumatic experiences can have effects that get passed down through generations; and
- WHEREAS:** This theme invites community members to recognize this public health issue and to stop the cycle by working to end rape culture through awareness, community engagement, and culturally competent supportive services. We must champion survivor-supportive responses and services, center the voices of survivors, and take action to ensure our community is a culturally affirming environment for survivors of all backgrounds; and
- WHEREAS:** Prevention is the ultimate goal and everyone's responsibility: Each citizen can create and promote safe environments. We can intervene to stop concerning behavior, promote and model healthy attitudes and relationships, believe survivors, and assist them in finding resources. Each of us must be part of victim-centered change that improves systemic responses to ALL survivors and for their loved ones in generations to come.

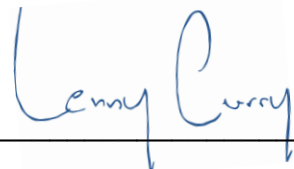
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join advocates and community members in raising awareness about sexual violence, centering the needs of those who have been harmed, and advancing equitable support for every survivor.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 11th Day of March in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA