

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Effective communications is integral to health and quality of life. For children, establishing language is an essential component of growth and development; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that approximately 1 to 3 per 1,000 children have hearing loss. According to a 2017 report by the National Center for Health Statistics, nearly 16 percent of American adults, and approximately 13.6 percent of Floridians, have experienced some form of hearing loss; and

WHEREAS: In 1949, recognizing an absence of services for children with hearing or speech difficulties, the Jacksonville Speech and Hearing Center (JSHC) opened. For the past 70 years, the center has pursued its mission to give every individual in Northeast Florida the ability to communicate effectively; and

WHEREAS: As a nonprofit organization, JSHC receives donations from generous individuals, corporations, foundations and partnering foundations, ensuring that every person in need of speech-language pathology and/or audiology services has access to professional and compassionate care; and

WHEREAS: In addition to screening, diagnosing and treating hearing, speech and language disorders for thousands of Jacksonville citizens of all ages, the center also regularly hosts community outreach programs and offers hearing aid services provided by audiology professionals; and

WHEREAS: The Jacksonville community joins in celebrating JSHC's seven decades of essential health services for our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2019 as

JACKSONVILLE SPEECH AND HEARING DAY

and encourage all citizens to recognize and support the Jacksonville Speech and Hearing Center on its 70th anniversary.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 4th day of March
in the year Two Thousand 19

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA