

PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER NATIONAL PROGRAMS OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY (PACE) MONTH

WHEREAS: The elderly population in Jonesboro is rapidly growing; and

WHEREAS: Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly is a fully integrated, comprehensive model of care that allows older people who qualify for a nursing home level of care to continue living in the community; and

WHEREAS: Individuals enrolled in PACE receive all Medicare- and Medicaid-covered items and services, as well as additional supports that promote well-being and greater independence; and

WHEREAS: PACE programs assume full financial risk for all medical care and related services – including transportation, hospitalization and long-term care – in return for capitated payments from Medicare and Medicaid, thereby controlling costs for the state; and

WHEREAS: PACE is a model for managed care, having demonstrated improved health outcomes and greater satisfaction for its participants;

WHEREAS: On Lok, the organization that developed the PACE model of care to meet the needs of seniors in the community and worked to ensure others in the nation have access to the PACE model now has been of service for more than 50 years ;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Harold Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Jonesboro, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim September to be PACE Month in the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Jonesboro to be affixed this 20th Day of September 2022.

HAROLD COPENHAVER, MAYOR