



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Firefighters and emergency medical services personnel play an essential role in safeguarding the lives and property of citizens throughout our city, state and nation; and

WHEREAS: The 1,400 firefighters and emergency medical first responders of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) provide services to nearly 900,000 people across Jacksonville's 840 square miles in a constant effort to reduce deaths, injuries and property loss; and

WHEREAS: Firefighting is one of the most hazardous of all professions, demanding extensive training, strength and stamina, bravery, and selfless concern for the safety and well-being of others in the face of possible injury and even death; and

WHEREAS: According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, each year, an estimated 80 to 100 firefighters and emergency services personnel in the United States make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS: Each year, Jacksonville leaders and residents gather for the Sea of Blue/Fallen Firefighter Memorial March to honor the local fire and rescue personnel who lost their lives in selfless protection of our citizens and communities:

Henry J. Bradley (December 16, 1885)
Sam L. Varnes (March 1, 1927)
Harry L. Graves (June 30, 1933)
Jerman J. Williams (March 21, 1934)
William E. Holloway (December 24, 1943)
James R. Romyedy (December 29, 1963)
Dillard D. Pinkston (May 22, 1967)
Arthur W. Hutt (May 1, 1968)
Walter W. Flowers (December 25, 1968)
Newton E. Johnson (August 6, 1970)
Leon J. King, Jr. (September 3, 1975)

Glen A. Miley (December 18, 1975)
Ronald H. Jones (September 18, 1976)
Joseph F. Stichway (May 25, 1979)
William E. Albritton (August 16, 1986)
Edgar A. Cowart (November 6, 1986)
Leon L. Benton (December 27, 1990)
Roger H. Taylor (May 16, 2000)
Glenn A. Rodgers (July 3, 2000)
Nolen A. Sauls (August 7, 2000)
Karl K. Kramer (May 28, 2005)
Neal Tarkington (October 11, 2008)

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2018 as

FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to honor our 22 fire and emergency services personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our communities and to support the survivors of our fallen heroes.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 14th day of November
in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA