

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The women veterans population is one of the fastest-growing segments among United States veterans. Of the approximately 21.3 million living veterans nationwide, more than 2 million are women. The state of Florida has the nation's third-largest population of women veterans, the majority of whom reside in Duval County; and

WHEREAS: Women veterans have served our country with dedication, honor and bravery, and like their male counterparts, they may face challenges such as post-traumatic stress disorder, sexual trauma, high divorce rate, health issues and even homelessness. Women may also face unique challenges involving gender discrimination or child care needs; and

WHEREAS: Several agencies support the specific needs of women veterans, including The Center for Women Veterans, established by Congress in 1994, and the Northeast Florida Women Veterans Association, Inc., whose local mission is to ensure that women veterans have the tools needed to successfully transition back to civilian life; and

WHEREAS: The observance of Women's History Month can trace its roots further back than 1987 when Congress declared to observe it each March. In alignment with Women's History Month, the state of Florida initiated a Women Veterans Recognition Week, now in its fifth year, to be held during the third week of March; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville joins the national community in honoring the invaluable impact women veterans make, both locally and throughout the world, during the annual observance of Women Veterans Recognition Week.

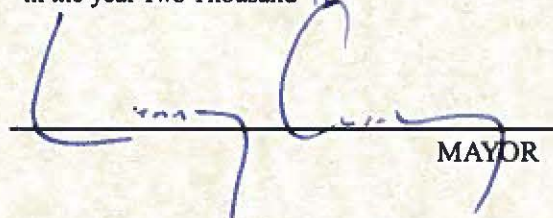
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 11 - 17, 2018 as

WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in supporting and expressing sincere gratitude to the female veterans who have served and sacrificed in defense of our nation's safety and freedom.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 15th day of February
in the year Two Thousand 18


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA