

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The men and women in all branches of our Armed Forces are dedicated to protecting and serving United States citizens. Throughout our nation's history, many of these patriots have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms; and

WHEREAS: Fallen service members may leave behind parents, siblings, spouses and children. A folded flag presented to these families represents the most solemn of rites; and

WHEREAS: Over the past 35 years, nearly 20,000 American children have suffered the loss of an active duty military parent; and

WHEREAS: Inspired by the unborn daughter of Sergeant William Delaney Gibbs, who was killed in action just before Christmas of 1989, a fellow soldier, David Kim, established the Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation. This organization supports the needs of children who have lost a parent in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS: Northeast Florida is home to three major military installations and is a proud military-friendly community, with many active service members, more than 150,000 veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville citizens are invited to observe Children of Fallen Patriots Day on May 13, in support of the children whose parents dedicated their lives in service to our country.

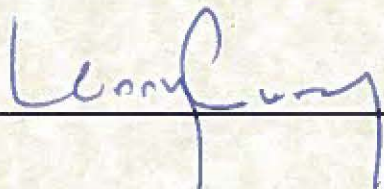
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2018 as

CHILDREN OF FALLEN PATRIOTS DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to pause and remember the sacrifices of our fallen patriots and recognize the children they have left behind.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 4th day of May
in the year Two Thousand 18


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA