

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The greatness of our nation principally stems from the rich diversity of its people. Among the nationalities contributing to the multifaceted culture of Jacksonville and our country are those of Mexican heritage; and

WHEREAS: Mexican-Americans contribute daily to communities in a variety of ways, including leadership and dedication to entrepreneurship, participation in cultural and artistic offerings, and a commitment to community service which all help to enhance the quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville's Mexican-American community, in conjunction with the Consulate of Mexico in Orlando, encourages the North Florida community to join in the celebration of Cinco de Mayo, a holiday of historical significance for those of Mexican descent; and

WHEREAS: The Consulate of Mexico in Orlando serves as a resource for Mexican-Americans in Central and North Florida, and also works to highlight and educate about the traditions and customs of Mexico; and

WHEREAS: Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Battle of Puebla in 1862, during which the Mexican Army fought and defeated a larger and better-prepared French force marching toward Mexico City; and

WHEREAS: The brave heroes of Puebla are celebrated as examples of great courage, dedication, faith and hard work – American ideals, regardless of heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby join our Mexican-American citizens in celebration of

CINCO DE MAYO

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to learn more about its historical significance to those of Mexican descent.



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


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA