

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: One of the fastest-growing segments of the United States veteran population is women. Of the estimated 18.2 million living veterans nationwide, approximately 1.6 million are women, according to a 2017 survey by the United States Census Bureau. 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, may face challenges such as post-traumatic stress disorder, sexual trauma, high divorce rates, health issues and homelessness. Women may also face unique obstacles involving gender disparities and 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 local Northeast Florida Women Veterans Association, Inc., which upholds a commitment to ensuring women veterans in our area have the tools needed to successfully transition back to civilian life; and

WHEREAS: In alignment with Women's History Month, long recognized each March, the state of Florida initiated a Women Veterans Recognition Week, now in its sixth year, to be held during the third week of March; and

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

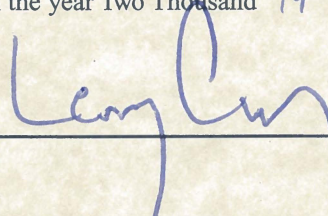
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 10-16, 2019 as

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 1st day of March
in the year Two Thousand 19


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA