



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Prisoners of War (POWs) have risked their lives and sacrificed their freedom. For those who remain Missing in Action (MIA), we acknowledge their families' continued heartache and uncertainty; and

**WHEREAS:** The Cecil Commerce Center is home to a POW/MIA Memorial dedicated to the Naval Aviators who were stationed at NAS Cecil Field during the Vietnam and Desert Storm war eras; and

**WHEREAS:** The black and white POW/MIA flag was created by Jacksonville resident Mary Hoff, whose husband, LCDR Michael G. Hoff, was declared MIA in 1970; and

**WHEREAS:** The flag symbolizes remembrance of those who were imprisoned while serving in conflicts and those who remain missing. The flag flies in front of City Hall and throughout Northeast Florida to recognize those who have suffered under enemy captivity and those who have still not returned from war; and

**WHEREAS:** On the third Friday of each September, Americans are called to honor and reflect upon the sacrifices made by military members who have been POWs or have been declared Missing in Action (MIA); and

**WHEREAS:** As home to three major military installations and more than 150,000 veterans who have faithfully served our country, it is only fitting that Northeast Florida residents observe a day of remembrance for our nation's POWs and MIA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2020 as

## POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to honor all Prisoners of War and express out deep gratitude and determination they exemplified while enduring terrible hardships, and remember those Missing in Action and their families.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September  
in the year Two Thousand Twenty

*Lenny Curry*

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA