PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS: This year marks the 200th anniversary of Greece's independence, in which we recognize the friendship between the United States and Greece and honor the many contributions that Greek-Americans have made to our nation; and

WHEREAS: Throughout our storied pasts, American and Greek people have upheld fundamental ideals by working together to safeguard the foundation of democracy upon which both our nations are built; and

WHEREAS: Greeks and Americans have long stood shoulder-to-shoulder in defense of freedom, and today the Greek American community carries forward the legacy of past Greeks who enlightened our world by continuing to enrich our society in unique ways. The hope that ignited both our revolutions still burns in the hearts of Greek Americans and in all those across our country who seek even greater opportunity for our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: The Greek people have faced extraordinary challenges in recent years, yet they remain steadfast in their resilience and perseverance. And in response to an ongoing refugee and migration crisis, Greece is providing humanitarian assistance to countless men, women, and children seeking freedom from persecution and violence; and

WHEREAS: In Jacksonville, we stand with Greece as partners, friends, and NATO allies, and the local Greek American community serves as an important bridge that helps bring us together as we share deep ties of culture and family, and respect for the fundamental rights of democratic States.
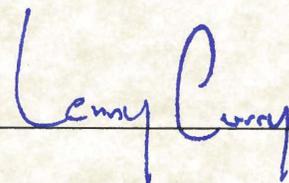
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 25, 2021 as

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage citizens to reflect on nearly two centuries of strong bonds between our nations, and recommit to working together to strengthen our respective democracies.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19th day of March in the year Two Thousand 21

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA