



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Daniel W. Stanley celebrates his 100th birthday this year as a citizen of Jacksonville, Florida and has contributed years of service to our nation and community; and

WHEREAS: He joined the Navy in 1942 and was assigned to the 31st Spearhead Naval Construction Battalion, known as the 'Seabees'; and

WHEREAS: In 1944, Mr. Stanley's battalion was attached to the Fifth Marine Division, and he fought during the invasion of Iwo Jima in February 1945, one of the bloodiest battles of World War II where more than 7,000 service members made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS: After securing the island, Mr. Stanley helped establish a base camp, construct a road up to Mt. Suribachi, and built and maintained the runway to refuel and repair B-29 bombers; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Stanley served as Chief Master-at-Arms on Iwo Jima until the end of World War II. He was honorably discharged as a Chief Boatswain Mate in November 1945 and was awarded the World War II Pacific Theater Ribbon and the Atlantic Theater Ribbon; and

WHEREAS: Prior to his military service, Mr. Stanley served as a Red Cross Lifeguard at Jacksonville Beach beginning in 1941 and today remains the oldest member of the Jacksonville Beach Lifeguard Corp; and

WHEREAS: As a member of the "Greatest Generation" Mr. Stanley has made many significant contributions to our community. He was married 73 years to his wife Meta, raised 6 children, and has been blessed with 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: On August 6, 2021, Mr. Stanley has the honor of throwing the first pitch at the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp's Methodist Family Night.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida encourage all citizens to honor and recognize the tremendous life and example set for us by Mr. Daniel W. Stanley.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this ^{6th} day of ^{August}
in the year Two Thousand ²¹

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA