



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** The Purple Heart, the oldest military decoration still awarded, bestows honor to members of our armed forces who are wounded or killed in combat; and

**WHEREAS:** The Purple Heart was established by General George Washington as the Badge of Military Merit on August 7, 1782. A small, heart shaped piece of purple cloth was given to members of the Continental Army who showed extraordinary valor during the American Revolution; and

**WHEREAS:** The award became obscure after the war but it was never discontinued. In 1932, President Herbert Hoover reestablished the Badge of Military Merit as the Purple Heart; and

**WHEREAS:** There have been nearly two million Purple Heart recipients in our nation's history who endured the ultimate sacrifice to protect the many freedoms we enjoy as Americans; and

**WHEREAS:** As a community with strong ties to our military and veteran community, Jacksonville will continue to stand in support of our service members.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 7, 2021 as

## PURPLE HEART DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in honoring members of the armed forces who have received the Purple Heart and recognizing families of the fallen.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this <sup>3<sup>rd</sup></sup> day of *Aug.*  
in the year Two Thousand <sup>21</sup>.

*Lenny Curry*

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA