



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Each year in September, Blue Star Families designates the last week of the month as Blue Star Welcome Week; and

**WHEREAS:** This week recognizes the more than 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities around the United States each year; and

**WHEREAS:** The majority of these "permanent change of station" (PCS) moves occur during the summer; and

**WHEREAS:** According to the 2020 Military Family Lifestyle Survey, only 27 percent of military family respondents reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community, which is paramount to the wellbeing and readiness of active-duty military families; and

**WHEREAS:** In Jacksonville, we understand the need to provide a welcoming atmosphere to these active-duty military families and we, as a community, commit to ensuring that military families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian community.

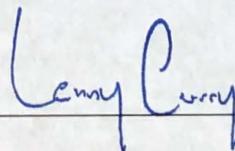
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 25<sup>th</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, as

## BLUE STAR WELCOME WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of welcoming active-duty military families into our community, treating them with respect, and providing them with a sense of inclusion.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of Sep.  
in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-one

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA