

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Firefighters and emergency medical services personnel play an

essential role in safeguarding the lives and property of citizens

throughout our city, state, and nation; and

**WHEREAS:** The approximately 1,600 firefighters and emergency medical first

responders of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department (JFRD) provide services to over 900,000 people across Jacksonville's 840 square miles in a constant effort to reduce deaths, injuries, and

property loss; and

WHEREAS: Firefighting is one of the most hazardous of all professions,

demanding extensive training, strength and stamina, bravery, and selfless concern for the safety and well-being of others in the face of

possible injury and even death; and

**WHEREAS:** Each year, Jacksonville leaders and residents gather for the Fallen

Firefighter Memorial Ceremony to honor the local fire and rescue personnel who lost their lives in selfless protection of our citizens and

communities:

Henry J. Bradley (December 16, 1885)

Sam L. Varnes (March 1, 1927)

Harry L. Graves (June 30, 1933)

Jerman J. Williams (March 21, 1934)

William E. Holloway (December 24, 1943)

James R. Romedy (December 29, 1963) Dillard D. Pinkston (May 22, 1967)

Arthur W. Hutt (May 1, 1968)

Walter W. Flowers (December 25, 1968)

Newton E. Johnson (August 6, 1970)

Leon J. King, Jr. (September 3, 1975)

Glen A. Miley (December 18, 1975)

Ronald H. Jones (September 18, 1976)

Joseph F. Stichway (May 25, 1979)

William E. Albritton (August 16, 1986)

Edgar A. Cowart (November 6, 1986)

Leon L. Benton (December 27, 1990)

Roger H. Taylor (May 16, 2000)

Glenn A. Rodgers (July 3, 2000) Nolen A. Sauls (August 7, 2000)

Karl K. Kramer (May 28, 2005)

Neal Tarkington (October 11, 2008)

Thomas M. Barber (June, 14, 2021)

Mario J. Moya (August, 17, 2021)

Michael L. Freeland (November 11, 2021)

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim December 8, 2021 as

## FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to honor our 25 fire and rescue personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our communities and to support the survivors of our fallen heroes.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, this  $22^{ND}$  day of Nov. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One

MAYOR