

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: On December 28, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed into law the

Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), which went into effect on April 28,

1971; and

**WHEREAS:** OSHA was intended to provide American workers the right to a safe workplace

and requiring employers to provide safe conditions. However, tens of thousands of American workers continue to be killed by workplace injuries and occupational disease every year and tens of thousands more are permanently disabled,

injured, or made ill; and

**WHEREAS:** Within the last year, 18 people in the Jacksonville community were killed due to

workplace accidents; and

WHEREAS: Various organizations including Northeast Florida Safety Council, First Coast

Manufacturers Association, Associated Builders and Contractors - First Coast Chapter, Northeast Florida Builders Association, American Society of Safety Professionals, and OSHA - Jacksonville Office, are determined to prevent these tragedies. All employers, including local government, are urged to dedicate their efforts to improving workplace safety, seeking stronger health standard enforcement, and treating workers with dignity as constant improvements in

worker safety are pursued; and

WHEREAS: Since 1989, workers and local government leaders have gathered on April 28th

to commemorate those who have lost their lives working to provide a good

standard of living for their families and communities; and

WHEREAS: Americans can honor our workers by observing Workers' Memorial Day,

remembering those victims of workplace injuries and disease, and rededicating

ourselves to improving safety and health in every American workplace.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023 as

## **WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize and honor all workers killed, injured and disabled on the job, thank them for their service, offer sympathy to their families and loved ones, and work to provide today's workers with safe workplaces.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 5th Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

MAYOF