



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: In the past decade, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) statistics have shown a severe uptick in instances of violence against police officers; and

WHEREAS: In 2022, 61 law enforcement officers were intentionally attacked in the line of duty, a 125% increase from 2013; and

WHEREAS: Many of the 61 officers were killed when responding to individuals already involved in a crime, such as a robbery, drug-related investigation, or pursuit of a suspect; and

WHEREAS: At least one officer was killed in a completely unprovoked attack; and

WHEREAS: Since November 2022, three Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) officers have been shot, and another was assaulted, all while fulfilling their daily police duties; and

WHEREAS: JSO Officers and all Jacksonville's regional and state law enforcement put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve the citizens of Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS: It is imperative to raise awareness of the threat of unprovoked violence against area law enforcement and support the brave men and women who work hard to protect the Jacksonville community.

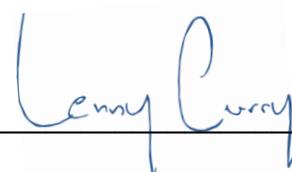
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize May 24, 2023 as the

END VIOLENCE AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to show appreciation for local law enforcement and join forces to end violence against them.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 22nd Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA