



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Yom HaShoah, also known as Holocaust Remembrance Day, is observed annually to remember the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, and the millions of lives lost during the Holocaust; and

**WHEREAS:** The Holocaust, or Shoah, was the largest instance of antisemitism in recent history. Between 1941 and 1945, Nazi Germany systematically murdered six million Jewish people across continental Europe; and

**WHEREAS:** The horrific atrocities that occurred during the Holocaust wiped out generations of Jewish families, and the effects of the Holocaust will continue to be felt across the world; and

**WHEREAS:** As time passes, there are fewer and fewer Holocaust survivors among the living. And with their passing, the horrors of the Holocaust lose their significance and fade from the collective memory; and

**WHEREAS:** Communities cannot be allowed to forget what happened during the Holocaust. Only after we acknowledge the past, can we work together to ensure nothing like the Holocaust ever happens again; and

**WHEREAS:** Etz Chaim Synagogue will be hosting Jacksonville's 2023 Holocaust Memorial Events and Pastor Chris Edmonds, son of WWII hero Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds, will be sharing his father's experiences at this evening's event; and

**WHEREAS:** Together, we must honor the memory of those lost to the Holocaust and ensure their lives and their murders are never forgotten.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize May 2, 2023 as the

## **YOM HASHOAH HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to honor and remember the life and legacy of those lost to the Holocaust and those who survived the unimaginable horrors.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 18th Day of April in the year  
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA