



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** The state of Florida has the nation's second-largest population of women veterans, the majority of whom reside in Northeast Florida and Duval County, and the number of women serving in the military and women veterans continues to grow with over 2 million of the approximately 21.3 million living veterans nationwide being women; and

**WHEREAS:** This year celebrates 75 years women has been integrated into the armed services. Signed into law by President Harry S. Truman on June 12, 1948, the Women's Armed Services Integration Act enabled women to serve as permanent, regular members of not only the army but also the navy, marine corps, and the recently formed air force. Women veterans have served our country with dedication, honor, and bravery, and like their male counterparts they face many challenges; and

**WHEREAS:** In an effort to support the specific needs of our country's women veterans, The Center for Women Veterans established by Congress in 1994, Northeast Florida Women Veterans, Inc and other organizations continue to provide services and resources to women veterans; and

**WHEREAS:** The unique needs of women who have served, are emphasized and recognized throughout the country, with communities across the nation coming together to ensure that women veterans are no longer the "invisible veterans" and are afforded the assistance and services they and their families deserve; and

**WHEREAS:** In Jacksonville, we recognize that our veterans disregarded personal well-being and served with incredible honor to preserve for us a gift of unapproachable magnitude. Our freedom honors the tremendous sacrifices our women in uniform have made to defend our country.

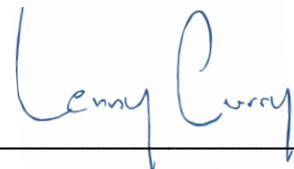
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 4 – 10, 2023 as

## **WOMEN VETERANS RECOGNITION WEEK**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the courage, honor, and dignity with which women have served and continue to serve in defense of our nation and our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 13th Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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

MAYOR