

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The strength of our nation's military comes from the service of brave men and women who safeguard our freedoms, and the sacrifices of their spouses and families; and

WHEREAS: Northeast Florida is a proud military- and veteran-friendly community, as home to three major military installations, many active service members, more than 150,000 veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS: Since 2009, the National Endowment for the Arts, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Defense, Blue Star Families and more than 2,000 museums across the nation provides free admission to active military and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend; and

WHEREAS: Four Jacksonville museums are participating in the program, including Beaches Museum, Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, MOCA Jacksonville and Ritz Theatre & LaVilla Museum; and

WHEREAS: The National Endowment for the Arts, Department of Defense, and Blue Star Families are hosting a kickoff event for the 10th anniversary of Blue Star Museums at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens on Friday, May 24.

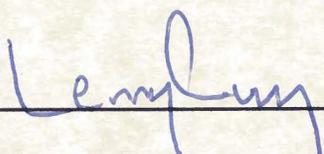
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 24, 2019 as

BLUE STAR MUSEUMS DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the service and sacrifices of military service members and their families.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 21st day of May
in the year Two Thousand 19


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA