



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: The Republic of China (Taiwan) observes its 109th National Day on October 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS: Since the establishment of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami in 1988 and the consequent establishment of the sister-state relations between the State of Florida and Taiwan in 1992, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami has encouraged the support of bilateral economic, trade, educational, and cultural relations; and

WHEREAS: The United States and Taiwan have maintained and enhanced close friendship over the decades encompassing commercial, cultural, and other interactions; and

WHEREAS: Taiwan is the 9th largest trading partner of the United States, Florida's sixth largest export market for goods, and Florida's 6th largest market for services, garnering the Sunshine State over 7,850 jobs and \$944.3 million in trade and investment ties in 2018; and

WHEREAS: Taiwan is a close strategic partner to the United States in East Asia with dynamic progress towards political democratization and economic liberalization, as well as the promotion of education, humanitarian aid, healthcare, environmental protections, technological innovation, and the advancement of basic human rights of life, liberty, and security; and

WHEREAS: Taiwan has donated over 11.75 million medical masks to the United States through federal and local governments to assist in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 420,000 medical masks were donated in Florida; and

WHEREAS: Taiwan aspires to further contribute to international development and to promote peace and prosperity. We cherish our traditional cordial sister-state and sister-city relations with Taiwan and hope to further solidify them; and we recognize Taiwan's efforts in its aim to participate effectively and meaningfully in global affairs, we will continue to support her mission of economic liberalization, political democratization and significant participation in the international arena.

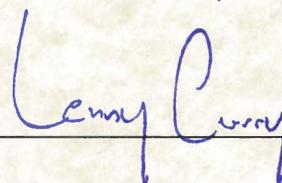
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby recognize the

109TH NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN

on October 10, 2020 and encourage all citizens to join me in honoring the founding of Taiwan, a friend and ally of the United States.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 18th day of September
in the year Two Thousand Twenty



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA