

- WHEREAS: The economic well-being of our city, state and nation is significantly impacted by sound maritime and transportation systems; and
- The maritime and transportation policies set forth by state and WHEREAS: federal regulatory bodies help provide our nation with a more efficient transportation network; and
- Congress first recognized National Maritime Day in 1933, marking WHEREAS: the 114<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first trans-oceanic voyage of the Savannah, an American steamship, which set sail from the United States to England on May 22, 1819; and
- In the centuries since, various transportation manufacturers, WHEREAS: agencies and authorities have responded to the public's increasing need for customized, flexible, low-cost and efficient transportation services to meet evolving business needs; and
- WHEREAS: The U.S. military and national security also depend on the capacity of the maritime and transportation industries to move personnel and materials in times of peace and conflict; and
- WHEREAS: The men and women who constitute the workforce of the maritime transportation industry contribute greatly to the support of citizens in areas throughout our nation, including Jacksonville, a critical port city on the east coast.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2022 as

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in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in commending the efforts of those involved in meeting the transportation needs of our city, state and nation, and in recognizing the integral role transportation plays in the lives of citizens and of our nation.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 10<sup>th</sup> day in May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two