



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States is a nonprofit veterans service organization founded in 1899 with posts throughout the country, and is comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard, and reserve forces; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville is proud to support a diverse and robust military community where one in four Jacksonville residents is directly connected to the armed forces, either as active duty, veteran, or a family member; and

WHEREAS: Too often, veterans are left without adequate supports, physically, socially, and financially. Recent studies show that on average more than 20 veterans take their own lives every single day. We must do more to honor and protect those who serve their country; and

WHEREAS: For 75 years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7909 has provided crucial supports to veterans in need of physical and mental care. The VFW works directly in the community, advocating for veterans through medical help, assisting with paperwork, monetary donations, and crisis mental health supports for those considering suicide; and

WHEREAS: Last year, VFW Post 7909 assisted 102 veterans in our community with Veterans Affairs claims. They donated supplies and time to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center during the height of the pandemic and gave more than \$8,000 to local Eagle Scouts.

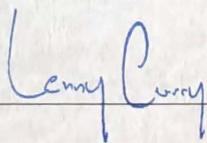
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 14, 2021 as

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 7909

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to remember, honor, and support veterans in our community.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 10th day of Aug. in the year Two Thousand 21


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA