



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Nearly one out of ten small businesses across the United States are veteran-owned -- from Main Street store fronts to virtual high-tech startups that advance America. Veteran-owned small businesses are a driver of our economy, and they contribute to the foundation of our nation; and

WHEREAS: Veteran and military spouse small business owners are resilient, disciplined, and mission-oriented, thanks to their commitment to serving our country and communities; and

WHEREAS: As we come together to unite our community, we must empower and support the veteran entrepreneurs who have given so much to our country and who are now powering our economy; and

WHEREAS: For ten years, National Veterans Small Business Week has highlighted the programs and services available to veteran entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and resource partners; and

WHEREAS: The SBA North Florida District Office is located in Jacksonville and will be holding events locally to promote the tenth anniversary of National Veterans Small Business Week; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville supports and joins in this national effort to help America's veteran owned small businesses start, grow, and recover their businesses after a disaster and help our communities thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 30 – November 3, 2023 as

VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

In Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to support veteran-owned small businesses in the community.



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


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA