

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: National Fried Chicken Day is observed in the United States on July 6. The dish's history goes back longer than the founding of America and extends around the globe, with many unique local variations and specialties; and

WHEREAS: National Waffle Day is August 24, in honor of the date in 1869 when the first U.S. patent for a waffle iron was issued. The waffle's history goes back to the early Middle Ages, and also features this fun footnote: Thomas Jefferson spurred the waffle's popularity in America after he brought back a waffle iron from France in 1789; and

WHEREAS: Although waffles are often served as a sweet, dessert-like dish, savory options have also long existed; and

WHEREAS: The origin of the combination of fried chicken placed atop a waffle is unclear, although early American mentions include a pulled chicken and gravy version by the Pennsylvania Dutch in the 1600s and a version more akin to today's by the Wells Supper Club in Harlem, New York, which opened in 1938; and

WHEREAS: Likely due to its uncertain and varied points of origin, no date has been officially designated as National Fried Chicken and Waffle Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 8, 2018 as

FRIED CHICKEN AND WAFFLE DAY

in Jacksonville. All citizens who choose to partake in this sweet and savory delicacy are encouraged to visit coj.net/JourneyToOne to follow up with their Jax Mayorthon miles.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 7th day of August
in the year Two Thousand 18

Lenny Curry
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA