



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The SS El Faro cargo ship departed Jacksonville on September 29, 2015, bound for its usual weekly round-trip route to San Juan, Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS: The ship's 33-member crew included 27 Americans – 17 from Jacksonville – and five Poles; and

WHEREAS: As the ship loaded and prepared for departure, Tropical Storm Joaquin was forming north of the Bahamas; and

WHEREAS: After the ship's departure, the storm intensified to hurricane-strength. Based on Joaquin's projected path, the ship's course was shifted in an effort to avoid the dangerous hurricane-force winds; and

WHEREAS: Sadly, the redirection was not enough, and the ship soon met the storm in the early hours of October 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS: All 33 members of the crew were lost when the El Faro sank; and

WHEREAS: In the days, weeks and months following the tragedy, our Jacksonville community, and indeed, our nation, mourned the loss of the El Faro crewmembers; and

WHEREAS: The 33 men and women of the El Faro will forever remain in the hearts of their loved ones, our city, our country and the maritime industry worldwide.

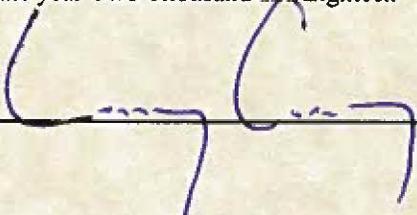
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2018 as

EL FARO 33 MEMORIAL DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in honoring the lives of the 33 crewmembers lost that tragic day three years ago.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 28th day of September
in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA