



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The United States entered World War I – or “The Great War,” as it was then called – on April 6, 1917. An armistice brought an end to the fighting on November 11, 1918; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 116,516 American soldiers died in action or as a result of injuries or illnesses sustained in the war; and

WHEREAS: As a tribute to the Florida residents who perished in The Great War, a count now estimated at 1,580, the Jacksonville Rotary Club in the early 1920s began planning and developing Memorial Park on the riverfront in the historic Riverside neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: The centerpiece of the park is the iconic sculpture, Life, with an inscription that reads: “Symbolized by the winged figure of youth / Rises triumphant from the swirl of war’s chaos which engulfs humanity / And faces the future courageously”; and

WHEREAS: Memorial Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is also designated a WWI Centennial Memorial by the United States World War One Centennial Commission; and

WHEREAS: As the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I is observed on November 11, 2018, the Memorial Park Association will host a centennial commemoration in the park.

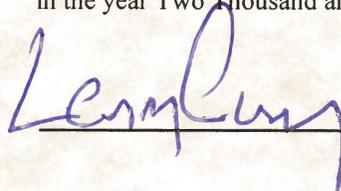
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby commemorate

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I

on November 11, 2018, in Jacksonville, and invite all citizens to honor the Florida Fallen on this centennial occasion.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 8th day of November
in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen



MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA