



PROCLAMATION

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- WHEREAS:** Disabled American Veterans (DAV) was founded by World War I veterans on September 25, 1920 and was chartered by an Act of Congress on June 17, 1932; and
- WHEREAS:** This year, DAV celebrates 100 years of serving veterans of the Armed Forces, their families and survivors, and communities; and
- WHEREAS:** DAV is dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity; and
- WHEREAS:** DAV accomplishes this by ensuring veterans and their families have access to the full range of benefits and services provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies; and
- WHEREAS:** DAV also provides outreach concerning its programs and services to the American people generally, and to disabled veterans and their families specifically; and
- WHEREAS:** DAV represents the interests of disabled veterans, their families, their widowed spouses, and their orphans before federal, state, and local governments; and
- WHEREAS:** DAV has fought tirelessly for equal access to critical VA caregiver benefits and services for several disabled veterans of all generations, resulting in legislation to expand eligibility to those injured prior to September 11, 2001, as part of the VA MISSION ACT; and
- WHEREAS:** DAV co-presents the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic and National Disabled Veterans TEE Tournament; has organized the nationwide DAV Transportation Network to provide free transportation for veterans to VA medical appointments; operates an active Charitable Service Trust funding the needs of local providers assisting at-risk local veterans; has built an active volunteer corps offering thousands of hours of service to our veterans and communities; offers veterans, transitioning military members, and spouses access to employers through its nationwide job fair program; provides emergency assistance to veterans in need through the DAV Disaster Relief Program; and operates the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship program to contribute to the lives of young Americans; and
- WHEREAS:** DAV Department of Florida and the 65 chapters across our state demonstrate their unending commitment to ill and injured veterans of all generations and conflicts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2020 as

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in honoring disabled members of the armed forces and recognizing the DAV's 100 years of service.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 18th day of September
in the year Two Thousand Twenty

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA