

WHEREAS: Law enforcement agencies across the country, including the members of

the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO), play an essential role in promoting

and safeguarding the rights and freedoms of American citizens; and

WHEREAS: It is important that citizens know and understand local law enforcement

professionals' responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices; and

WHEREAS: Members of JSO recognize the risks of their sworn duty to serve the

citizens of Jacksonville by safeguarding life and property, protecting against violence and disorder, and preventing deception and oppression;

and

WHEREAS: In 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers

Memorial Day, and the week surrounding as National Police Week, which has grown into an annual series of events that draw thousands to the

nation's capital; and

WHEREAS: In conjunction with the 56th annual Peace Officers Memorial Day, and in

tribute to the 61 fallen officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our city, the Jacksonville community and the Jacksonville Sheriff's office honor the men and women who selflessly provide this

significant public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 14 - 20, 2018 as

## **POLICE APPRECIATION WEEK**

and hereby designate April 26, 2018 as

## POLICE MEMORIAL DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the sacrifices of our local law enforcement professionals and their families, while remembering our heroes whose lives were lost while protecting our city.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this  $20^{Th}$  day of April in the year Two Thousand 18

MAYOR