

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Service to others is a hallmark of the American character and central to how communities successfully meet challenges; and

**WHEREAS:** Communities are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as cost-effective strategies to meet their needs; and

**WHEREAS:** National service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership development for those who serve. It represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayers' dollars; and

**WHEREAS:** National service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication and patriotism, and they increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and

**WHEREAS:** AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 50,000 locations across the country, including Jacksonville. They address the most pressing challenges facing communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and fighting the opioid epidemic, to responding to natural disasters and supporting veterans and military families; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville joins with the Corporation for National and Community Service, National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and leaders across the country to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities through recognition of those involved in national service.

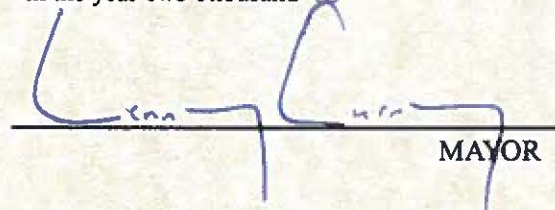
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2018 as

## **NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the positive impact of national service in our country, to thank those who serve, and to find ways to give back to their own communities.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March  
in the year Two Thousand 18

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA