

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The strength of our nation's military comes not only from the brave men and women who safeguard our freedoms but also from their spouses and families. In recognition of this, President Ronald Reagan established the first Military Spouse Day in 1984; and

WHEREAS: Renamed Military Spouse Appreciation Day, this annual observance honors the daily sacrifices made by those who put aside their personal and professional ambitions to support our nation's heroes through relocations, deployments and extended periods away from loved ones. The spouses of our military personnel provide unparalleled strength for their families and are essential to the strength, resilience and readiness of the nation; and

WHEREAS: Northeast Florida is a proud military- and veteran-friendly community, as home to three major military installations, many active service members, more than 150,000 veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS: Military spouses provide service and leadership to their families, community and country, and are deserving of our gratitude, support and respect; and

WHEREAS: As a demonstration of our deep gratitude and appreciation, the City of Jacksonville and its Military Affairs and Veterans Department is hosting the third annual Military Spouse Night Out on April 26 to provide hardworking military spouses with a memorable and entertaining evening of pampering and a brief respite from the everyday stresses of military life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2018 as

MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in honoring the spouses of our servicemen and women who sacrifice and share in defending the freedoms that we all enjoy and cherish.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 20th day of April
in the year Two Thousand 18

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA