

WHEREAS:

The National Society of Professional Engineers first recognized National Engineers Week (EWeek) in 1951. The February timeframe was selected to coincide with George Washington's birthday, in acknowledgment of our first president, the nation's first notable engineer and surveyor; and

WHEREAS:

Today, EWeek is a formal coalition of more than 70 engineering, education and cultural societies, and more than 50 corporations and government agencies. The observance raises public awareness of engineers' positive contributions to communities' quality of life, while promoting the importance of a technical education and high levels of math, science, and technology literacy that motivate youth to pursue engineering careers; and

WHEREAS:

The diverse engineering professions provide citizens with a number of necessities, including the design and construction of industrial facilities, delicate medical instruments, computer software, mechanical systems, water systems, and electrical transmission and distribution systems; and

WHEREAS:

Engineers lead and address the technological challenges of our times by researching sustainable energy sources and studying new methods to improve safety and grow the nation's global communication abilities; and

WHEREAS:

Jacksonville supports and relies on engineers to leverage their knowledge and skills to meet the demands of our future in Northeast Florida and throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 17-23, 2019 as

ENGINEERS WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the important and far-reaching contributions engineers make to our community and future.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 24th day of January in the year Two Thousand 19