



# PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week to celebrate EMS practitioners who provide a vital public service; and

**WHEREAS:** Across the United States, the members of EMS teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS:** It is proven that access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the likelihood of survival and the recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

**WHEREAS:** The emergency medical services system consists of many volunteer-first responders, EMTs, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out-of-hospital medical care providers who fill an important gap in the healthcare system by providing important and potentially life-saving out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

**WHEREAS:** Due to their tremendous efforts keeping citizens healthy during the pandemic, lawmakers and public health officials throughout the country have repeatedly praised healthcare workers, such as those who make up the EMS industry, as heroes as they have been on the front lines helping save the lives of those who have been infected by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS:** In Jacksonville, we recognize the efforts these incredible professionals put forth each day by responding to daily calls for urgent assistance, and the tireless work they put in to serving our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 as

## NATIONAL EMS WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to celebrate and honor all who provide emergency medical services across our city for their tenacity and life-saving skills.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May  
in the year Two Thousand 21

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA