

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

- the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO), play an essential role in promoting and safeguarding the rights and freedoms of American citizens; and
- It is important that citizens understand the hazards and sacrifices that WHEREAS: local law enforcement professionals face every day and know the responsibilities they have to their community and neighbors; and
- Members of JSO recognize the risks of their sworn duty to serve the WHEREAS: citizens of Jacksonville by safeguarding lives and property, protecting against violence and disorder, and preventing deception and oppression; and
- In 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace WHEREAS: 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
- In conjunction with the 59<sup>th</sup> annual Peace Officers Memorial Day, and in WHEREAS: tribute to the 63 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 October 5, 2021 as

## **POLICE MEMORIAL DAY**

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

