



ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

**WHEREAS:** Each year on May 22nd, National Maritime Day is recognized across the country to recognize one of our nation’s largest and most important industries; and

**WHEREAS:** National Maritime Day was declared in 1933 to commemorate the United States steamship, the S. S. Savannah, crossing the Atlantic Ocean from Savannah, Georgia to Liverpool, England, marking the first successful cross-ocean voyage using steam propulsion; and

**WHEREAS:** The maritime industry plays an important role throughout Florida and particularly in Northeast Florida by employing over 66,000 Floridians and offering employment opportunities to service members who are transitioning from the armed forces through the “Military to Maritime” initiative; and

**WHEREAS:** Florida’s mariners play a crucial role in times of crisis and disaster by serving as a link to the state’s supply chain for necessary survival items such as medical provisions, food, consumer goods, industrial supplies, and fuel; and

**WHEREAS:** Annual celebrations are held throughout the country to acknowledge and commend the efforts of those who work in the maritime industry that citizens depend on each day; and

**WHEREAS:** In Jacksonville, our community recognizes the critical role that the United States Merchant Marine plays in strengthening our National Security and opening the door for economic growth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2021 as

**NATIONAL MARITIME DAY**

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize and applaud the hard work and dedication displayed by those who serve in the United States Merchant Marine and those who have previously served.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April in the year Two Thousand 21

*Lenny Curry*

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA