



PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS: Blue Star Families seeks to empower military families by connecting them with their neighbors - individuals and organizations - to create vibrant communities of mutual support; and

WHEREAS: Blue Star Families annually designates the week beginning the last Saturday in September and concluding eight days thereafter as "Blue Star Welcome Week"; and

WHEREAS: During this week, we recognize the 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year; and

WHEREAS: Nearly half of these permanent change of station (PCS) moves occur during the summer; and

WHEREAS: Only 30% of military family respondents to the 2021 Military Family Lifestyle Survey reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community; and

WHEREAS: A sense of belonging is essential to the wellbeing and readiness of military families; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville honors the sacrifices made by service members, transitioning veterans, and their families. Jacksonville is committed to ensuring that military-connected families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities.

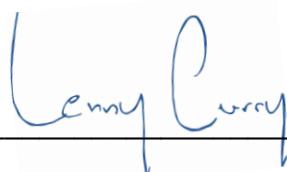
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 24 – October 2, 2022 as

BLUE STAR WELCOME WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to welcome military-connected families into their communities.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19th Day of August in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Two


MAYOR