



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, there are over 219,000 prisoners of war (POW) and missing service members spanning from World War II to the recent conflicts in the Middle East; and

WHEREAS: These courageous servicemembers have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the safety, security, and ideals of the United States; and

WHEREAS: Since 1979, the United States has recognized the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville is a proud military town. With over a quarter of residents connected to the military, the patriotic values and ideals are instilled in our culture; and

WHEREAS: On this POW/MIA Recognition Day, the City of Jacksonville joins our local veterans, active-duty service members, and their families to remember those who sacrificed everything for our freedom; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jacksonville also joins in recognizing the hard work and important efforts being made to bring our soldiers home, and bring closure, peace, and justice to their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 15 - 16, 2023 as

POW/MIA RECOGNITION WEEKEND

In Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to remember the thousands of service members who remain missing as a result of their service to our country.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 14th Day of Sep. in the year
Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA