

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** The Republic of China (Taiwan) observes its 107th National Day on October 10, 2018; and

**WHEREAS:** The Miami-based Taipei Economic and Cultural Office encourages the promotion of bilateral economic and cultural relations between the State of Florida and the Province of Taiwan of the Republic of China. The office was established in 1988, and Taiwan and Florida established sister-state relations in 1992; and

**WHEREAS:** Taiwan is a valued United States partner in both the business and tourism travel sectors. The recently enacted Taiwan Travel Act expands the ability for U.S. and Taiwanese officials to travel to either country to meet their counterparts; and

**WHEREAS:** Taiwan is the 11th largest trading partner of the United States, with bilateral trade in goods and services reaching close to \$90 billion in 2017, and is the 7th largest export destination for U.S. agricultural products, creating more than 350,000 jobs in the United States; and

**WHEREAS:** Taiwan contributes to regional development, peace and prosperity by participating in numerous international organizations, including the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL).

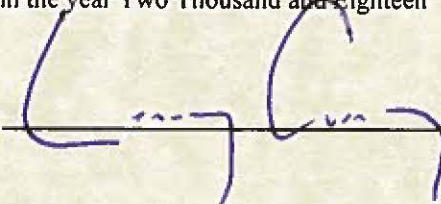
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby commemorate

## **THE 107<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)**

on October 10, 2018, and encourage all citizens to join me in honoring the founding of Taiwan, a friend and ally of the United States.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 26th day of September  
in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA