

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The economic well-being of our city, state and nation is significantly impacted by sound maritime and transportation systems; and
- WHEREAS:** The maritime and transportation policies set forth by state and federal regulatory bodies help provide our nation with the most efficient transportation network; and
- WHEREAS:** Congress first recognized National Maritime Day in 1933, marking the anniversary of the first trans-oceanic voyage of the Savannah, an American steamship, which set sail on May 22, 1819; and
- WHEREAS:** In the centuries since, various transportation manufacturers, agencies and authorities have responded to the public's increasing need for customized, flexible, low-cost and efficient transportation services to meet evolving business needs; and
- WHEREAS:** The U.S. military and national security also depend on the capacity of the maritime and transportation industries to move personnel and materials in times of peace and conflict; and
- WHEREAS:** The men and women who constitute the workforce of the maritime transportation industry contribute greatly to the support of citizens in areas throughout our nation, including Jacksonville, a critical port city on the east coast; and
- WHEREAS:** On May 22, the Propeller Club of Jacksonville, a nonprofit maritime business association, will host its annual Maritime Day Celebration along the St. Johns River. This event recognizes the vital importance of maritime industries and transportation throughout northeast Florida, and also honors fallen mariners.

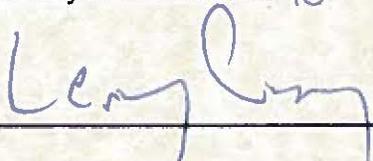
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2018 as

## MARITIME DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join me in commending the efforts of those involved in meeting the transportation needs of our city, state and nation, and in recognizing the integral role transportation plays in the lives of citizens and of our nation.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May  
in the year Two Thousand 18

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA