

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: U.S. Fourth Fleet, based in Mayport, was initially established on March 15, 1943, to defend the South Atlantic Ocean during World War II. It protected the United States against raiders, blockade runners and enemy submarines; and

WHEREAS: Following the war, Fourth Fleet was dissolved on January 1, 1947, and its responsibilities were assumed by Second Fleet in February of 1950; and

WHEREAS: On May 5, 2008, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Gary Roughead officially reestablished Fourth Fleet to maintain access, enhance interoperability, and build enduring partnerships that foster regional security in the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility, which includes the Caribbean, Central and South America and surrounding waters; and

WHEREAS: Today, Fourth Fleet employs maritime forces in cooperative maritime security operations to maintain access, fortify the ability of U.S. forces to work together with partner nations, and build enduring partnerships with the goal of enhancing regional security and promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Caribbean, Central and South American regions. Fourth Fleet's staff consists of approximately 170 Sailors, civilians and contractors; and

WHEREAS: To commemorate Fourth Fleet's 10th anniversary since reestablishment and its role in the security of our country, the unit will host a formal ceremony on May 4.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2018 as

FOURTH FLEET DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the Sailors, civilians and contractors who are committed to ensuring the unity, security and stability of our Caribbean, Central and South American partners.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 4th day of May
in the year Two Thousand 18

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA