

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: In the 1950s, the Korean War claimed the lives of approximately 4 million people around the globe, 54,000 of whom were Americans; and

WHEREAS: These numbers, while staggering, do not reflect the additional sacrifices made by the 426,000 Americans who survived service in Korean War theaters; and

WHEREAS: These veterans and their families have paid an exceptional price in the name of freedom, protection of human rights and democracy; and

WHEREAS: On June 25, 2009, the 59th anniversary of the start of the Korean War, the Korean War Veterans Association and Florida Veterans Programs & Projects, Inc. will host Jacksonville Salutes Korean War Veterans, a free event at the Main Library in downtown Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS: During this event, the premier showing of the documentary, "Korea: Forgotten War, Remembered Heroes," will air, paying tribute to the men and women who served in Korea through the personal, wartime accounts of five local Korean War veterans; and

WHEREAS: The Jacksonville community recognizes the immense contributions and valor of Korean War veterans and gratefully acknowledges our own veteran population.

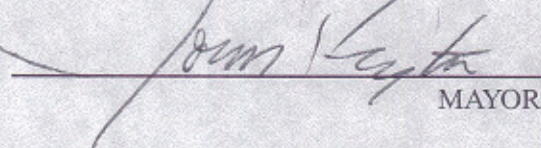
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN PEYTON, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2009 as

KOREAN WAR VETERANS DAY

in the City of Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to join in this tribute to the brave Americans who fought in the Korean War and served their country and our national community by doing so.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this 25th day of June
in the year Two Thousand 09


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA