

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Both the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives passed resolutions in 2005 acknowledging the genocide that the Serbian forces perpetrated in Srebrenica and all of Bosnia from 1992 to 1995; and

WHEREAS: July 11, 2012 marks the 17th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre during which at least 8,372 innocent Bosniak civilians were summarily executed and 20,000 were expelled from their homes in the worst atrocity in Europe since the holocaust; and

WHEREAS: This anniversary raises awareness of the tragic suffering of the Bosnian people and honors and remembers those who died as a result of the policies of ethnic cleansing and aggression; and

WHEREAS: The Congress of North American Bosniaks (CNAB) is the umbrella organization representing Bosniaks in the United States and Canada and is the driving force behind raising awareness for and calling attention to this anniversary; and

WHEREAS: The Jacksonville community joins the CNAB in solemnly remembering the atrocities that took place in Bosnia during the 1990s.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALVIN BROWN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 11, 2012 as

SREBRENICA REMEMBRANCE DAY

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the dangers of intolerance and the importance of ongoing efforts to live in peaceful coexistence with one another.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this 11TH day of July
in the year Two Thousand 12.

Alvin Brown
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA