

Proclamation

The seal of the City of Tampa, Florida, is centered below the title. It features a circular design with a ship on the water, surrounded by the text "CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA" and "ORGANIZED JULY 15, 1887". The word "MASCOTTE" is also visible.

Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. **The Honorable Pat Collier Frank**, valued public servant, community leader, advocate and trailblazer is one such person; and

WHEREAS, Senator Frank attended high school at Rosarian Academy in West Palm Beach, and then was one of the first women to attend the University of Florida, earning Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees, and where her future in politics began with her election as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Freshman Class, and thereafter she became the first woman accepted to Georgetown University's School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Senator Frank began her career as a Government Economist with the Justice Department in Washington, D.C., and made Tampa, Florida her home when she relocated in 1961 with her husband and children, and she soon began her advocacy for children and equity in education by volunteering with the Hillsborough County School District's Parent Teachers Association (PTA), assuming leadership positions, and in 1972, she was elected to the Hillsborough County School Board where she strongly supported desegregation; and

WHEREAS, Senator Frank was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1976, and continued to be a voice for quality and fair education through passing bills for remedial programs and mandatory kindergarten for all children, giving them an equal advantage, and thereafter in 1978, Senator Frank was elected to the Florida State Senate where she served ten years and chaired the Education and Consumer Affairs Committees, sponsored legislation to form the Florida Organ Donor Program, the creation of the Elder Affairs and Veteran Affairs departments, and the 1985 Growth Management Act, and she was an early supporter and sponsor of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and the Florida Commission on the Status of Women; and

WHEREAS, Senator Frank served on Tampa General Hospital's Board of Directors and supported the institution remaining a public hospital, then in 1998, she was elected to the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners serving as its chair for three consecutive years, and in 2004, she was elected Hillsborough County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, serving four terms until her retirement in 2021, and among her many accomplishment during her tenure include digitizing the office, greatly improving efficiency, strengthening customer service, ensuring diversity, and she embodied the office motto of *Integrity, Transparency, Accountability*; and

WHEREAS, Senator Frank is known for her genuine concern for others, especially children, and strong ethics, and over the years, she received numerous honors including the first woman elected *Most Effective First-Term Member* by the Florida House of Representatives, the first woman nominated by the Florida Senate as *Most Respected Senator*, and she is an inductee in the Hillsborough County Women's Hall of Fame.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 4, 2021 as

"THE HONORABLE PAT COLLIER FRANK DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking her for all she has contributed to our city, state and nation over the years, and in wishing her continued success and happiness in her retirement.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 18th day of December 2021.



Mayor

