

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens; **The Honorable Gregory P. Holder**, a well-known, Judge, Attorney and Educator is one such person; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Melbourne, Florida, Judge Holder received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1975 and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, his Master of Business Administration from the University of West Florida in 1978, and his Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degree from Stetson School of Law in 1981, where he was an Associate Editor of the Stetson Law Review and authored several published articles, and while earning his law degree, Judge Holder served in the United States Air Force from 1976-1988, as an Armament Systems Development Engineer until he received his J.D. Degree, then as an Assistant Judge Advocate and Area Defense Counsel, a Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, and thereafter with the United States Air Force Reserves serving with the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), one of only six Air Force Reserve Military Judges, and he was a Chief Reserve Trial Judge until his retirement in 2004 as a Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Judge Holder began his civilian law career in 1988 with Taub & Williams, P.A., became a Partner with William, Reed, Weinstein, Schifino & Magione, P.A. in 1991, and thereafter as an Assistant City Attorney with the City of Temple Terrace until his election as a Hillsborough County Court Judge in 1994, and soon after, he was elected Judge with Hillsborough County's Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in 1996 where he served until his retirement in 2021, and during his tenure, he presided with great fairness within the divisions including General Civil, Felony, Juvenile, Family Law, and the Veterans Treatment Court where he was instrumental in creating the National Model for Veterans Treatment Courts; and

WHEREAS, Judge Holder shares his knowledge of law and his experience through his many published works and by serving as an adjunct faculty member with the University of Phoenix, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the University of South Florida, Webster University, and as the Area Chair for the University of Phoenix's Central Florida Campus, and known for his dedication and leadership within many professional and civic organizations, Judge Holder is a member of the Florida Dependency Court Improvement Committee, Florida for Employment Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), MacDill Federal Credit Union, Gasparilla Distance Classic Association, Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce, West Point Society, Florida Conservation Association, American Legion, and many more; and

WHEREAS, for his vast contributions over the years, Judge Holder has received numerous recognitions including the Florida Bar Military Affairs Committee's *Clayton B. Burton Award of Excellence*, the Hillsborough County Bar Association's *Robert W. Patton Outstanding Jurist Award*, Olin Mott Joshua House's *Golden Heart Award*, the University of Phoenix's *Outstanding Faculty Award* twice, he is a Department of Juvenile Justice District VI *Hall of Fame Inductee*, he was selected to serve as the Florida Chairman of the Department of Defense for ESGR, he received two *Presidential Volunteer Service Awards*, is Chairman Emeritus of the Florida ESGR, awarded the *Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Service*, honored with the Veterans Treatment Court Legacy Award, Diversity Action Coalition's *2019 Military Family of the Year Award*, the Veterans Council of Hillsborough County's *Keeping the American Patriot Spirit Alive Award* and others; and

WHEREAS, well-respected among his peers, those in the legal professions, and members of the community for his stellar career, commitment to the rule of law, high ethical standards, strength of character, decisiveness and eloquence, and for his dedication to the citizens and to many non-profit organizations of Tampa Bay.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, February 9, 2021 as

"THE HONORABLE JUDGE GREGORY P. HOLDER DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking him for his contributions to our community and wishing him continued success and happiness.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 9th day of February 2021.



Mayor

