

# In Memoriam



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 nation, and one of these individuals was **Jesse Peter Madsen**, a beloved Public Servant and Hero, and Master Police Officer with the Tampa Police Department, who tragically passed away in the line of duty on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at the age of 45; and

**WHEREAS**, Jesse was born on September 17, 1975 in Cleveland, Ohio and adopted as an infant by Bruce Madsen, and where he attended Shaker Heights High School and thereafter bravely served his country in the United States Marine Corps excelling as a sniper and firearms instructor, and he served three tours in Afghanistan, during which time he was injured and recovered, and he earned multiple honors including the Army Commendation, National Defense, Global War on Terrorism Service, Armed Forces and NATO Medals, several Service Ribbons, and the Campaign Star Afghanistan, and he continued his service to our nation with the Florida Army Reserves' 689<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company; and

**WHEREAS**, upon his honorable discharge from the military, Jesse returned to Ohio and received his law enforcement certification from Cuyahoga Community College Police Academy and served with the Lyndhurst and Shaker Heights Police Departments prior to making Tampa, Florida his home and joining the Tampa Police Department in 2004, where he was a Master Police Officer and well-known as someone truly dedicated to his family, and unwaveringly dedicated to the safety of others including his fellow officers, and to the Tampa Police Department's mission of fighting crime; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure with the Tampa Police Department, proudly wearing Badge Number 507, Jesse served with many units including Patrol, Street Anti-Crime, and was a valued member of the department's Honor Guard, and he earned a reputation as an honorable leader who led by example and who could be relied upon in any situation, someone who was firmly committed to excellence, and trusted by his co-workers and the community, and he was recognized as a knowledgeable expert in his field and as a "Cops Cop;" and

**WHEREAS**, during Jesse's over sixteen years serving with the Tampa Police Department, he earned many outstanding well deserved recognitions including several *Excellent Duty Awards*, eight *Life Saving Awards* that includes the one posthumously awarded resulting from his heroic actions on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, when he prevented further tragedy by placing his life in danger to save others, and he will receive the Tampa Police Department's *Police Purple Shield* and its *Medal of Honor*, and his beloved family will be awarded the department's *Gold Cross* in recognition of his ultimate sacrifice to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, well known for his bravery, vigilance, integrity, strength and commitment to law enforcement, Jesse will forever be remembered for his deep love of his family, friends, fellow officers and his country, and for his caring, friendly and likeable nature, outstanding work ethics and wonderful attitude.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby urge all citizens to join me in publicly expressing sorrow and heartfelt appreciation to the Jesse Peter Madsen Family, his wife Danyelle, sons Carter and Kellan, daughter Kenley, parents Bruce and Julie, and other family members, and to express our hopes that they will take solace in their many cherished memories and the enormous impact of his life on our community and nation.

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