

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 seal is flanked by decorative flourishes.

Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded on April 2, 1926 by twenty-two charter members, **The Junior League of Tampa** (JLT) is an organization of approximately 1,900 women dedicated to the community, voluntarism, and to making the Tampa Bay area a better place to live, work and play, and it is affiliated with the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI); and

WHEREAS, the mission of The Junior League of Tampa is to develop the potential of women, and improve communities through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers, and since its founding 95 years ago, the organization has donated over \$8.2 million, and each year, its volunteers contribute over 60,000 hours to the community, individuals, children and families; and

WHEREAS, The Junior League of Tampa's values include *Inclusion, Vision, Empowerment, Collaboration* and *Integrity*, and the organization reaches out to women of all races, religions, and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and commitment to its mission and to voluntarism, and it embraces a variety of perspectives, backgrounds and beliefs through the diverse voices of its membership; and

WHEREAS, The Junior League of Tampa is well-known for its long history of service to the Tampa Bay community with its efforts touching the lives of thousands of our residents each year, including helping to break the cycle of poverty for our most disadvantaged children and families through its commitment, support and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, all efforts of The Junior League of Tampa are supported through individual and corporate donors, and through special events including its popular annual Holiday Gift Market, and the funds raised support vital programs including the Diaper Bank, Food 4 Kids, Kids Connect, Girl Power, Human Trafficking Awareness, and much more; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa, Florida is appreciative of the contributions The Junior League of Tampa has made for over nine decades and continue to make to our community and its residents through generous projects including those dedicated to child welfare and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 2, 2021 as

"THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF TAMPA DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and call upon all citizens to congratulate The Junior League of Tampa on this milestone anniversary, support the efforts of The Junior League of Tampa in its work toward the betterment of the Tampa Bay area, and to join with me in thanking them for their commitment to its mission and values for nearly a century.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 2nd day of April, 2021.





Mayor