

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1956, the **University of South Florida** (USF) is one of the largest public and global research universities in the United States with campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg and Sarasota-Manatee, and it delivers outstanding internationally recognized programs for undergraduates, graduates, professionals and for the greater community, and is dedicated to empowering students to maximize their potential for lifelong success; and

**WHEREAS**, a top-tier university, USF's mission includes conducting innovative scholarship, creative activity and basic and translational research, and delivering a world-class educational experience that promotes the success of its talented and diverse students, and it has developed and grown substantially over the past sixty-five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of South Florida's founding President, the late John S. Allen was the first person to build a modern state university from the beginning with no facility, students or faculty, and over the past sixty years, it has developed and grown substantially, guided by the foundation he established, and the main administration complex is named the **John and Grace Allen Center** in honor of him and his late wife, Grace, known as *The First Lady of USF*; and

**WHEREAS**, Grace Allen established the first organized group on the USF Campus in 1960, the **University of South Florida Women's Club** with the vision of bringing the entire USF family together, fostering community connections and providing support for the University and its endeavors, and it's mission includes enhancement of the social and cultural life of its members and providing service to the University community; and

**WHEREAS**, the USF Women's Club holds meetings and events throughout the year, members volunteer for community causes, and they raise funds for student scholarships, USF Library purchases, special gifts to USF Departments, and philanthropic initiatives, and over the years the organization has established the fully endowed *Grace Allen Scholarship Fund* and the *USF Women's Club-Grace Allen Library Endowment*; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of South Women's Club is celebrating its **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** with a Luncheon on Monday, April 26, 2021, featuring the theme **Recall the Past, Embrace the Future**, and the members and guests will reflect on all that has been accomplished since 1960.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 26, 2021 as

## **"USF WOMEN'S CLUB DAY"**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens congratulate the USF Women's Club on this special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and thank them for their many contributions to USF and the Tampa Bay area.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor