

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, established on June 7, 1917 by the late Melvin Jones, **Lions Clubs International** is a worldwide secular, non-political service organization with the mission of empowering volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding; and

WHEREAS, with the motto ***We Serve***, Lions Clubs International is a global leader in community and humanitarian service, and it has 1.4 million members in approximately 46,000 Lions Clubs throughout over 200 countries and geographical areas around the world, including **Multiple District 35 Lions Clubs** representing the state of Florida, Aruba, Bahamas, Bonaire and Curacao, and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International members are dedicated to the many programs in place that serve community needs including environmental concerns, youth, disaster relief, and its extensive health programs include hearing and diabetes awareness, and it is a champion for sight since 1925 when Hellen Keller, an advocate for people with disabilities, challenged the organization to become *knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness*; and

WHEREAS, Multiple District 35 Lions Clubs, celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year, is dedicated to its mission of helping the visually and hearing impaired, supporting efforts to teach youth how to make good decisions about their lives, and encouraging community service; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the betterment of their communities and aiding those in need, the Multiple District 35 Lions Clubs members are actively engaged in service programs that include donating children's books, sight and hearing conservation and aid to the blind and deaf including providing eyeglasses and hearing aids to those in need, vision screening to preschool children, collecting and distributing recycled eyeglasses, and much more, and the organization encourages citizens to take care of the precious gifts of sight and sound; and

WHEREAS, the ***Multiple District 35 Lions Clubs' 2021 Centennial Convention*** is held on April 30-May 2, 2021 at the Florida Hotel in Orlando, Florida, and the members and guest will have an opportunity to reflect on all that has been accomplished over the past century, and plan for future successes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 1, 2021 as

"MULTIPLE DISTRICT 35 LIONS CLUBS DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in in congratulating Multiple District 35 Lions Clubs on this milestone 100th Anniversary and in thanking the members of Lions Clubs International for their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life for individuals, the community, nation, and around the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20th day of April, 2021.



Jane Castor

Mayor