

# Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the more than 3.8 million registered nurses in the United States make up our nation's largest health care profession, and the depth and breadth of this occupation meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings, and most healthcare services involve some form of care by nurses; and

**WHEREAS**, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of patients, and since the global COVID-19 pandemic, our nation's nurses have contributed substantially to the difficult care of those patients affected, in many cases at risk to themselves and their families, and it has resulted in a demanding and increased workload; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for nursing services will be greater than ever in the future because of the aging of the American population, continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and explosive growth of home health care services; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Nurses Association (ANA) is the voice for the registered nurses in the United States, and its mission includes improving patient care through advocacy, supporting both individuals and organizations to advance the nursing professional, and is dedicated to charting a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing access to primary and preventive health care that will require better utilization of registered nursing resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May has been designated as **National Nurses Month** to recognize and honor the contributions nurses make each and every day in hospitals, community settings, private practices, public health agencies, home health care, nursing homes, outpatient centers, mental health agencies, hospice, military facilities, nursing education and healthcare research, and so many more nursing services; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 National Nursing Month theme is *You Make a Difference* in celebration of the many nursing heroes and supportive nursing organizations and associations in our community.

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

## **“NATIONAL NURSES MONTH”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in celebrating the vast accomplishments of dedicated registered nurses in our city, state and nation, and to show our appreciation, not just during this month, but at every opportunity throughout the year for the contributions they make to our health.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.



*Jane Castor*  
Mayor