

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 is a source of great pride for the entire Tampa Bay region for its many accomplishments including programs in the USF Department of Athletics, dedicated to positioning each team and every student-athlete to excel and to compete for national championships, and home of the **USF Bulls** including the USF Baseball Program, now in its 56th season and its USF Baseball Stadium at Red McEwen Field, a state-of-the-art facility; and

WHEREAS, the **USF Baseball Team**, under the leadership and guidance of Head Coach Billy Mohl and his dedicated staff, continue to bring national and international acclaim to the Tampa Bay area including reaching the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament for an impressive fourteenth time this year, and for the first time in twenty-six years, the Bulls hoisted a conference tournament championship trophy, winning the program's first American Athletic Conference Championship, and whereby the Bulls went on to win the NCAA Gainesville Regional, defeating the Universities of Florida, Miami and South Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding USF Baseball Team, in the bold colors of **Green** and **Gold**, has earned the admiration of the sports world, fellow athletes and fans alike with their impressive 2020-2021 season, and the entire Tampa Bay area is supporting and rooting the team on as they make the program's first-ever NCAA Super Regional appearance in Austin, Texas; and

WHEREAS, sports opens doors of opportunity, and NCAA Baseball is widely followed and the USF Baseball Team players consistently exhibit and play with professionalism, spirit and dignity, and they serve as positive role models for the youth and fans in our community, state and nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 8, 2021 as

"USF BASEBALL TEAM DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens and USF Bulls fans to celebrate the impressive accomplishments of their Home Team, cheer on the USF Baseball Team in their bid to reach the College World Series, support them as they enter the 2021-2022 season, and congratulate them for their impressive



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