

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, established on July 24, 1871 by Reverend R.A. Simpson and is Tampa, Florida's first Episcopalian Church, **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**, then called St. Andrews Mission, held its first service in the hospital building at historical Fort Brooke, and in 1883, built its church on a downtown Tampa city block that had been purchased by the St. Andrew's Guild; and

WHEREAS, a groundbreaking was held in 1904, and the wooden church was replaced with its present Mediterranean Revival architectural structure that incorporated the original communion rail and lectern, and features beautiful stained-glass windows, organ, and bell; and

WHEREAS, in 1907, St. Andrew's Mission became a parish and over the years, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church flourished during both challenging and prosperous times with many improvements initiated including adding a parish house and school, a rectory, an annex and other enhancements to accommodate its growth, and it founded additional Episcopalian congregations in Tampa including St. James House of Prayer, St. John and St. Mary, and St. John in Brooksville, St. Mary in Dade City, and St. Peter in Plant City; and

WHEREAS, A Place of Hope, Healing, and Hospitality for 150 years, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church has been proud of its long history and committed to its vision of serving the spiritual and temporal needs of others and is dedicated to the Church, its Parishioners, Ministries, Education, and to the entire Tampa Bay community through its outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, this milestone anniversary allows the clergy, staff, parishioners and guests of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to reflect on all that has been accomplished over the past 150 years and the positive impact it has had on our community, and to plan for the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate Reverend John Reese, Rector, and the devoted members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on this **150th Anniversary** occasion, and best wishes are extended for God's blessings and continued success.

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, July 24, 2021 as

"ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the rich history and many contributions this church and its members have made to our community over the past 150 years and in congratulating them on this special anniversary.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 24th day of July, 2021.



Jane Castor
Mayor