

# Proclamation

The seal of the City of Tampa, Florida, is centered below the word "Proclamation". It features a circular design with a ship on the water, surrounded by the text "CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA" and "ORGANIZED JULY 15, 1887". The seal is flanked by decorative flourishes.

*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. Steven M. (Steve) Jerve, WFLA News Channel 8 Chief Meteorologist, is one such person; and

**WHEREAS**, hailing from the state of Minnesota, Steve attended the University of Minnesota at Morris where he played basketball and received his degree in Speech, and he then completed his graduate studies in Meteorology from Jackson State University and Mississippi State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Steve's stellar forty year broadcasting career began with KAAL-TV in Austin, Minnesota where he honed his skills as a weather broadcaster, reporter, photographer, weekend anchor, producer and editor, and thereafter he continued to perfect his abilities at several stations as a weather anchor including WJTW in Jackson, Mississippi, WFTV in Orlando, Florida, and finally at KDNL in St. Louis, Missouri where he earned an *Emmy Award* in 1996 for Mid-America regional forecasting prior making Tampa Bay his home, bringing his talents as Chief Meteorologist to WFLA-TV News Channel 8 in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist (CBM) and a member of the American Meteorological Society (AMS), Steve has been a trusted source of local, state and national weather information during the evening newscasts, guiding communities through many significant weather situations, especially regional tropical storms such as Hurricanes Gilbert in 1988, Hugo in 1989, Andrew in 1992, Irma in 2017, and most recently, Elsa in 2021, requiring expertise, knowledge, and long hours of dedication in monitoring and reporting to ensure the safety of all citizens and property; and

**WHEREAS**, known for his commitment, reliability, integrity and as a visible part of Tampa Bay for twenty-three years, Steve is beloved in the community for his trustworthiness and reassuring voice, and he is one of the most popular television personalities, well-respected by his peers in meteorology, the media and with the viewing audience; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is honored to congratulate Steve Jerve on his retirement from WFLA News Channel 8 after twenty-three years, and grateful for the many contributions he has made to our community and its citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, August 4, 2021 as

## **"STEVE JERVE DAY"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in wishing him continued success and great happiness in his future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 4th day of August, 2021

  
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Mayor

