

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, named for H. Lee Moffitt, former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, Tampa-based Moffitt Cancer Center opened its doors in 1986, and for the past thirty-five years, it has achieved international acclaim for excellence in cancer care, research, prevention, and education, and it has been firmly dedicated to its one lifesaving mission of contributing to the prevention and cure of cancer; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Moffitt Cancer Center grown from a staff of 400 to more than 7,500 with a Florida economic impact of \$2.4 billion, and it provides outstanding care to approximately 68,000 patients throughout the state, the nation and internationally, and its tremendous growth includes opening the Moffitt Cancer Center at International Plaza and the Moffitt McKinley Outpatient Center, and its well-known accomplishments and world standing attracts top physicians, scientists and other medical personnel to the organization; and

WHEREAS, Moffitt Cancer Center received the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) *Cancer Center Support Grant* in 1997, its prestigious *NCI Comprehensive Cancer Center* designation in 2001 in recognition of its scientific excellence and leadership in the discovery and development of more effective approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment, and Moffitt's excellent nursing staff is recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center with the *Magnet*® status, its highest distinction; and

WHEREAS, among Moffitt Cancer Center's many achievements in research include the approval of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines to prevent cervical, head and neck, and other cancers; the approval of a new CAR-T cell therapy, a curative treatment for lymphoma; developing an understanding of the genetic basis of cancer risk; and using mathematical models to inform adaptive therapy to reduce the risk of cancer recurrence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa joins the Tampa Bay community in celebrating *Moffitt Cancer Center's 35th Anniversary* and in congratulating its leaders, physicians, scientists, nurses, educators and other important staff members for their many accomplishments and contributions to our community, state, nation and the world.

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 October 27, 2021 as

"MOFFITT CANCER CENTER DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all individuals to support Moffitt's mission of contributing to the prevention and cure of cancer, thanking them for all they do for the health of our citizens, and congratulating them on this milestone 35th Anniversary.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of October, 2021.



Jane Castor
Mayor