

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS, Rotary International** was established in February 1905 by the late Chicago Attorney Paul Harris who envisioned professionals with diverse backgrounds exchanging ideas and forming meaningful, lifelong friendships, and the organization has grown to over 31.2 million Rotarian members within 35,000 clubs around the world; and

**WHEREAS,** a non-political and non-religious organization, the mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders; and

**WHEREAS,** with a vision of seeing a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotarians are committed to important initiatives that include literacy and education, promoting peace and health, growing local economies, and other meaningful projects that make the world a better place and enhance the quality of life for all citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** locally, the **Rotary Club of Tampa** was the first civic club in our community, chartered on April 7, 1914, making it the second Rotary club in the state of Florida and the 117<sup>th</sup> worldwide, and for over a century, the organization has contributed substantially to Tampa's growth and success through its dedication to the Rotary International's motto of ***Service Above Self***; and its many projects have benefitted our neighborhoods and citizens including establishing the West Tampa Boys Club in 1926, beginning the successful Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa, greatly impacting the youth of our community; and

**WHEREAS,** the Rotary Clubs around the United States are participating in the **Flag for Heroes** initiative that honors our nation's military members, veterans, first responders, medical personnel, teachers, and others who serve, and the Rotary Club of Tampa is hosting the ***Flags for Hillsborough Heroes*** event on Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11, 2021, whereby more than 200 illuminated United States of America Flags will fill Hillsborough Veteran's Memorial Park, each bearing a medallion with the name of an honoree, their service information and the sponsor's name, and the funds raised will support community service grants funded by the Rotary Club of Tampa Foundation.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 8-11, 2021 as

## ***"ROTARY CLUB OF TAMPA FLAGS FOR HILLSBOROUGH HEROES WEEK"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to thank Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Tampa for their contributions to our world, nation, state, and city, and support the Flags for Hillsborough Heroes event that recognizes those who serve on behalf of us all.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2021



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor