

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens; **Dr. Cynthia S. Visot**, a well-respected educator and community leader is one such person; and

WHEREAS, raised in Louisiana, Dr. Visot received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Southeastern Louisiana University, her Master of Arts in College Student Counseling and Personnel Services from Bowling Green State University, and her Doctor of Education from the University of South Florida's College of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Visot began her illustrious career in higher education in 1987, serving as the Assistant Director of Student Activities and Orientation with Tulane University prior to making Tampa, Florida her home and becoming a major contributor to the University of South Florida's (USF) success as a highly acclaimed and recognized top research institution, while blazing new trails during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Visot joined USF in 1990, as its first Director of Orientation which became an award-winning program and where she founded *Week of Welcome*, she served as the Special Assistant to the Vice Provost and Faculty Administrator for Special Projects, and thereafter her efforts and commitment to the growth and development of the institution led to the creation of new positions whereby she served as the first Director of Board Operations and Assistant Corporate Secretary, the first Chief of Staff, and a career capstone as the first Vice President of University Affairs prior to her retirement, and she has been recognized three times by the National Orientation Directors Association for her outstanding orientation programs both at Tulane and USF; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Visot's love of community includes serving with many organizations including Feeding Tampa Bay, Special Olympics, Arthritis Foundation, Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI), the United States Army Reserve Family Readiness Groups whereby the United States Army recognized her with the *Outstanding Civilian Service Medal* and the *Patron of the Wheel Award*, she is a Leadership Tampa graduate, she has served in leadership roles with the Alpha Omicron Pi International Fraternity where she was honored with its *Alumnae Woman of Leadership Award* and its *Rose Award*, she serves on the Board of Directors for Miles for Moffitt, and she co-established the *Lolita Visot Souza Memorial Scholarship* program and mentors its awardees; and

WHEREAS, well-known for advocacy in all aspect of academics, especially for student engagement and positive collegiate experiences, Dr. Visot has earned the respect of her colleagues, those who serve in higher education, and especially by the many students whose lives have been greatly impacted by her genuine concern for their success during their education experiences, and in their lives thereafter.

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, November 30, 2021 as

“DR. CYNTHIA S. VISOT DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking her for all she has contributed to the community over the years, for her dedication to education, and for her efforts in elevating the University of South Florida to a world-class institution.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 30th day of November 2021.



Mayor

