

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in 1921 in the historic Seminole Heights neighborhood of Tampa, Florida, **Seminole Heights United Methodist Church** was established with 110 devoted charter members, and in just a few short years, the church prospered and had outgrown its original wooden home; and

WHEREAS, designed by prominent architect Frank A. Winn, Jr. in the Gothic Revival style, Seminole Heights United Methodist Church was built at 6111 North Central Avenue on the original site of Seminole Heights Elementary School, and in 1928, the congregation proudly walked up the steps and through the doors of its beautiful new church; and

WHEREAS, since it was founded a century ago, Seminole Heights United Methodist Church has been dedicated to its mission of *Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world* and its members are committed to its vision of *Living out their love for God and others through open hearts, open minds, and open doors*, and over the years it has continued to grow to include the addition of an educational building that houses its acclaimed Seminole Heights United Methodist Preschool; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, the iconic Seminole Heights United Methodist Church has been a major contributor to the quality of life in the Seminole Heights neighborhood and to the success of the entire Tampa Bay area, and it is steadfast in its commitment to the community including opening its doors and resources, and hosting groups and events that benefit so many including children's organizations and neighborhood schools; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its **100th Anniversary**, Seminole Heights United Methodist is celebrating on Sunday, December 12, 2021, with a *Special Celebration Worship Service and Reception*, and the members and guests will reflect on all that has been accomplished over the past century, the positive impact it has had on the community, and to plan for a bright future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate Reverend Tiffania Icaza Willetts and the devoted members of Seminole Heights United Methodist Church on this 100th 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 Sunday, December 12, 2021 as

"SEMINOLE HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST 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 100 years and in congratulating them on this special milestone anniversary.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of December 2021.



Jane Castor
Mayor