

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, launched in 2017 in Tampa, Florida, **Synapse Florida** was established to be a nonprofit, purpose-built organization for interconnecting innovation ecosystems, and to connect stakeholders to accelerate success in Florida's thriving economies; and

WHEREAS, Synapse Florida joins government, educational institutions, entrepreneurs, investors, corporations, talent, entrepreneurial support organizations, service providers, and others to foster relationships between these key innovation stakeholders, and the organization's Three Pillars of Synapse Florida include *Synapse Connect*, *Synapse Challenges*, and *Synapse Events*; and

WHEREAS, Synapse Florida believes innovation thrives when stakeholders collaborate to share resources, ideas, opportunities, and celebrate wins, and the organization strives to find solutions and to be the resource that helps innovators and their supporters discover what they need and share what they have, and they create opportunities for talented individuals to showcase their skills for optimum career choices, for intentional, meaningful connections for Florida's innovation community, and to demonstrate that "*Innovation Lives Here*;" and

WHEREAS, annually, Synapse Florida hosts Florida's premier innovation celebration, **Synapse Summit**, the anchor event of Tampa Bay's Innovation Week, and the day-long summit celebrates, discovers, and engages the innovators making an impact; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its **5th Anniversary** this year, the Synapse Summit is held on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Florida, featuring the theme **Celebrate, Discover, & Engage**, and the exciting day will connect more than 5,000 participants, 175 speakers, 300 exhibitors, and 100 sponsors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, February 17, 2022 as

"SYNAPSE SUMMIT DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to support the efforts of Synapse Florida in its work to make Florida the best place to innovate, build a business, career, and life, thank them for their many contributions to our city and state, congratulate the organization, its leaders, staff, and volunteers on this milestone 5th Anniversary, and wish them continued success in the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17th day of February, 2022.



Jane Castor

Mayor