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Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, while statistically only a little over ten percent of construction workers are women, current construction projects across the nation are increasing, and more and more companies are recruiting women and their skills to fill needed jobs in all areas of the construction industry including business owners, architects, contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, tradeswomen, accountants, estimators, and more; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1953, the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) is a network for women in the field of construction with 115 chapters throughout the United States, and the members are dedicated to its mission of championing women to impact the direction of the construction industry through education, community, and advocacy, and to its core purpose of strengthening and amplifying the success of women in the industry, and it provides its members with opportunities for education, support and networking to help career advancement, skills building, leadership and professional development, and public service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Women in Construction whose motto includes "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" established *Women in Construction Week*, this year held March 6-12, 2022, to highlight women as a viable component of the construction industry, to provide an occasion for NAWIC members across the United States to raise awareness of the opportunities available for women in construction, and to emphasize the growing role of women in the industry; and

WHEREAS, locally, the National Association of Women in Construction Tampa Chapter 36 was established in 1960 as the voice of women in construction in the Tampa Bay region, and the organization fully promotes the employment and advancement of women in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, the NAWIC Tampa Chapter 36 has been a driving force in fostering community development through renovation and beautification projects, it promotes skilled trade careers, and collaborates with other organizations to achieve successful results with a goal of a positive vision for the future; and

WHEREAS, the NAWIC Tampa Chapter 36 is participating in several events to bring awareness to Women in Construction Week including taking part in the Habitat for Humanity Kick-Off on March 8, 2022, and a joint event with the NAWIC Orlando Chapter 73 at the Strawberry Festival on March 12, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 6-12, 2022 as

"WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedicated women in construction and in thanking them for the many contributions they make to our community, state, and nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of February 2022.

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