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## Jane Castor, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, surveyors and mappers are counted among the founding leaders of our country, and they were instrumental in the formation of the layout of property boundaries in the United States, providing our citizens the opportunity to enjoy the American dream of property ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, our founding fathers including former United States Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt served as surveyors, contributing to the historical mapping of America in its early years; and

WHEREAS, surveying and mapping professionals provide valuable contributions to our nation's history, development, and quality of life, and the valued profession requires special education, training, knowledge of mathematics, related physical and applied sciences, and requirements of law; and

**WHEREAS**, surveyors and mappers are uniquely qualified and licensed to determine and describe land and water boundaries for the management of natural resources and protection of private and public property rights, and their expertise assists in making important decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the continual advancements in instrumentation have required the surveyor and mappers to not only be able to understand and implement the methods of the past, but also to learn and employ modern technology in finding solutions to meet the challenges of the future; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society, that includes the Tampa Bay Chapter and the Central Florida Chapter, is a nonprofit association established in 1955 and its mission includes promoting, enhancing, and preserving the surveying and mapping profession through public awareness, educational efforts and advocacy for the profession and legislative actions.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of March 20-26, 2022 as

## "FLORIDA SURVEYORS & MAPPERS WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to recognize the many contributions and the ongoing dedication of surveyors and mappers to our community and throughout the United States.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 16th day of March 2022.

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