

Proclamation

The seal of the City of Tampa, Florida, is centered below the title. It features a circular design with a ship on the water, surrounded by the text "CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA" and "ORGANIZED JULY 15, 1887". The word "MASCOTTE" is also visible.

Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Tampa is proud to be known as the home of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) at MacDill Air Force Base and the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), and they are a special and valued part the Tampa community; and

WHEREAS, established in 1775, the **United States Navy** is the naval warfare service branch of the United States Armed Forces under the United States Department of Defense, and its role includes naval warfare, power projection, nuclear deterrence, and sealift; and

WHEREAS, the world's finest navy, the United States Navy's motto is ***Semper Fortis*** (Always Courageous) and its mission is maintaining, training and equipping combat-ready Naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas, and its over 345,000 active duty personnel and approximately 59,000 reserves units are dedicated to the security and well-being of our nation and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy is instrumental in ensuring the safety and security of \$55 billion in annual exports from the state of Florida, and the citizens of Tampa and Florida take pride in supporting our namesake vessel the *USS Florida* (SSGN 728); and

WHEREAS, the Navy's Office of Community Outreach (NAVCO) connects Americans with their Navy and oversees community outreach programs designed to connect the United States Navy to cities throughout the country including during its annual **Navy Week**, bringing Navy Sailors, equipment and displays to American cities for a week-long schedule of outreach engagements, service projects, and awareness to communities about their Navy, its importance, and its global mission; and

WHEREAS, Tampa is honored to have been selected as one of the cities to host Navy Week held May 21-27, 2022, coinciding with the Tampa Bay AirFest featuring the United States Navy Blue Angels, and other festivities and events include flyovers, presentations aboard the historic *American Victory Ship and Museum*, robotic demonstrations, the Navy Band and Brass Band performing throughout the week at various venues, and opportunities for citizens to become familiar with the many facets of the Navy through displays, meeting Navy personnel such as Navy Divers, Sailors from the USS Constitution and aboard the USS Florida, and much more.

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 period of March 21-27, 2022, as

"TAMPA NAVY WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in expressing profound appreciation to the United States Navy, its leaders, personnel, and veterans for the role they play in protecting our freedom and in celebration of Tampa's longstanding support and close relationship with our nation's Navy.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 21st day of March 2022.



Mayor

