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Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, cancer impacts not only its victims, but also the loved ones and families of the victims, as well as the countless physicians, nurses, counselors, and volunteers who provide care and comfort; and

WHEREAS, *The Yerrid Foundation, Inc.* is a non-profit charity organization dedicated to supporting other worthy charity organizations, children's causes, and particularly those groups assisting cancer victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, *The Lightning Foundation, Inc.* is a non-profit charity organization of the Tampa Bay Lightning National Hockey League (NHL) hockey team with the mission of providing support for local youth programs, disabled and disadvantaged children's organizations, cancer research and organizations that provide emotional, financial, and educational assistance for cancer patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, in a public effort to heighten cancer awareness, The Yerrid Foundation and The Lightning Foundation joined forces in 2000 to create "**Tampa Bay Fights Cancer Night**" which takes place during a regularly scheduled hockey game, this year on Thursday, April 14, 2022, when the Tampa Bay Lightning play the Anaheim Ducks at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Tampa Bay Fights Cancer Night, celebrating its 20th event year, includes free admission and vouchers for food and drinks to cancer victims and their families, as well as free admission to health care professionals and dedicated volunteers that tirelessly wage war each day against this dreaded disease, and who are committed to the health and well-being of the entire Tampa Bay area.

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, April 14, 2022 as

"20th ANNIVERSARY OF TAMPA BAY FIGHTS CANCER NIGHT"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in expressing appreciation to all those involved in the planning and organization of this event that brings awareness about cancer to the community and recognizes the efforts of so many, and in extending congratulations on this milestone 20th Anniversary of making a difference.

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Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 7th day of April, 2022.