

Proclamation

The seal of the City of Tampa, Florida, featuring a ship on the water, surrounded by the text "CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA" and "ORGANIZED JULY 15, 1887".

Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. **Kelly Ring**, WTVT-TV FOX 13 News Anchor, and a Tampa, Florida community leader, is one such person; and

WHEREAS, Kelly grew up in Dardanelle, Arkansas, with a curious personality where she developed her gift of writing and passion for storytelling, and she received her degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Missouri's School of Journalism, where she was active with its on-campus television station and debuted her first on-air experience and with the Columbia, Missouri NBC affiliate, and thereafter she began her television career in Winston-Salem, North Carolina as a general assignment reporter with WXII-TV; and

WHEREAS, Kelly made Tampa, Florida her home in October 1985, when she joined WTVT Channel 13, a CBS affiliate now FOX 13, where she immediately endeared herself to the station's newsroom personalities and staff and the entire Tampa Bay region's viewing audience, and she has spent over three decades becoming a household name, a beloved part of the community, and an integral member of the FOX 13 organization; and

WHEREAS, Kelly began her tenure with Fox 13 as a news reporter where her tenacity, insightfulness, caring nature, and high standards led to advancements including to weekend anchor, and in 1990, as co-anchor of the popular FOX 13 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM newscasts, and her wit, compassion, and genuineness in the news she reported and the stories she told, especially her features on the popular FOX 13's *What's Right with Tampa Bay* has made her a favorite personality among viewers; and

WHEREAS, highly acclaimed, Kelly has had an outstanding television career, and she has travelled globally covering major international news crisis and events including in Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Cuba, and for her hard work, excellence, and professionalism she has received numerous accolades including three prestigious Emmy Awards; and

WHEREAS, devoted to the Tampa Bay community she calls home and beloved by its residents, Kelly has a strong sense of service and regularly volunteers her time and talents for many civic and non-profit organization events, and she is sought by numerous groups to speak at various venues; and

WHEREAS, as one of the most popular television and speaking personalities in the Tampa Bay area, and well respected by the citizens and television audience, her peers in broadcasting, and the media, the City of Tampa is honored to congratulate Kelly Ring on her retirement after an incredible thirty-seven-year career in our city and is grateful for the many contributions she has made to our community and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 24, 2022, as

"KELLY RING DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking her for her many contributions to our community and in wishing her continued success and happiness in her future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 24th day of May 2022.



Jane Castor
Mayor