

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is committed to delivering outstanding services to enhance the quality of life within our community, and to recognize those committed to that mission; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) is a nonprofit organization established in 1972, and its mission includes improving the quality of vehicle repair and service by testing and certifying automotive professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, the ASE has designated the month of June as **National Automotive Service Professionals Month** to recognize those in the industry who are proficient, credentialed, and committed to excellence, and annually within the month, June 12<sup>th</sup> is recognized as National Automotive Service Professionals Day with June 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> named National Automotive Service Professionals Week; and

**WHEREAS**, 95 percent of the *City of Tampa's Department of Logistics & Asset Management's Fleet Maintenance Division* staff members are ASE certified, ensuring at least 90 percent vehicle availability for City departments, and the Division has consistently been awarded the ASE's *Blue Seal of Excellence*, recognizing the competence and credibility of the auto repair shop technicians who are dedicated to keeping vehicles on the roads safely every day with a mission of providing efficient, cost-effective and customer driven municipal Fleet Management Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Fleet Management Services team of 68 individuals maintain and repair over 3,500 vehicles and equipment including complex and technical fire apparatus and other emergency response vehicles, challenging heavy equipment vehicles such as those utilized for automatic collection for solid waste and stormwater vacuum trucks, operates eleven fueling sites that dispense approximately 2 million gallons of fuel annually which, with rising fuel costs and hurricane season each year, can prove to be challenging, and in support of the City's Transforming Tampa's Tomorrow initiative and sustainability vision, the division has added 24 fully electric vehicles (EVs) to its fleet bringing alternative fueled vehicles totaling 176, including 53 hybrid vehicles and 99 compressed natural gas garbage trucks.

**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 month of June 2022 as

## **“NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE PROFESSIONALS MONTH”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to thank and recognize the many contributions dedicated automotive service professionals in the City of Tampa and those within our community who every day ensure our roadway safety.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor