

# Proclamation



*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. **The Reverend Dr. Hosea L. (H.L.) Daniels**, beloved Pastor of New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida is one such person; and

**WHEREAS**, born in Clayton, Alabama to the late Booker T. and Mattie Daniels, Reverend Daniels met his beloved wife Jennie at the church they both attended, and thereafter he pursued his love for the Word of God and the Ministry by attending Florida Beacon College and Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degrees, and then received his Theological Degree and Honorary Doctorate Degree from Florida Theological Seminary in Lakeland, Florida, and Reverend Daniels continued his education and knowledge over the years by participating in Moody Bible Institute courses, and he was ordained in Tampa, Florida at St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, with his vision, passion, and hard work, Reverend Daniels established New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on East Lake Avenue in Tampa, Florida, to provide a welcoming place of worship for the community, and as the membership and needs grew because of his wisdom and leadership, a new building was opened in November 1971, and as the church prospered, it became necessary to again expand, and the devoted members walked through the doorway of their new church home in October 1986, where Reverend Daniels continued to lead the congregation with dedication, strength, guidance, and kindness; and

**WHEREAS**, to serve his growing congregation and the community, Reverend Daniels created an Education and Culture Center, an Infant and Toddler program, a Bus Ministry, Day Care Center, and a gymnasium that has been named the *Reverend Dr. H.L. Daniels Community Outreach Center* in his honor; and

**WHEREAS**, known for going above and beyond in serving the Lord, Reverend Daniels has held leadership positions in numerous organizations including as Moderator of the Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Association, President of Congress Number One, Vice-President of the District Congress of Christian Workers, Advisor to the Senior Women and Camp Director of Mount Pilgrim, and many more local, state, and national religious and civic organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, loved and respected by the Tampa Bay community and well-known for his compassion, concern for others, patience, humility, and resolute dedication, Reverend Daniels will be honored for his over 58 years of pastoral service with an **Official Retirement Celebration** on Saturday, June 18, 2022, in the Main Sanctuary of New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, and the special event will provide the opportunity to recognize all he has accomplished, the many individuals he has baptized, guided and inspired, the religious and community leaders and organizations he has mentored, and the legacy he has established within his beautiful church as he enters into his new role as Pastor Emeritus.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 18, 2022, as

## **“THE REVEREND DR. H.L. DANIELS DAY”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking him for his contributions to the citizens of our community and wishing him continued success, happiness, and God’s blessings in his future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor

