

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud to recognize organizations who have made a mark in our city by their contributions and service to others, and the **James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and Clinic**, celebrating its **50th Anniversary** of caring for our nation's Veterans, is one such entity; and

WHEREAS, founded on August 21, 1972, the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and Clinic, known as Tampa VA, is named for the late Honorable James Andrew Haley (1899-1981), and associated with the Veterans' Health Administration (VHA) and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and it was established to provide quality health care to Veteran Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, Guardsmen, and Reservists; and

WHEREAS, with its core values of *Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence*, the Tampa VA has served the needs of millions of WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan-era War Veterans, their families, and caregivers through its commitment to elevate its world-class health care, and it currently serves over 125,000 Veterans within its twenty health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa VA's full range of services include primary and long-term care, specialty health services, a spinal cord and polytrauma center, outpatient clinics, mental health services, and the Center for Women Veterans, and it continually explores and implements efforts to modernize services to accommodate the expanding needs of our nation's Veterans, and it is the only VA hospital with eleven rehabilitation programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities; and

WHEREAS, a research and teaching hospital and well-known for its educational initiatives, the Tampa VA has 131 affiliations with leading colleges including a 50-year partnership with the University of South Florida College of Medicine, and it provides training for fellows, medical students, residency, nursing, psychology, audiology, social work, dietetics, and pharmacy, and is dedicated to utilizing research to promote optimum health and advanced healthcare; and

WHEREAS, since it was established, the Tampa VA has set the standards for Veteran care, and over the years has been recognized for excellence including receiving many accreditations and as the first VA hospital to earn the American Nurses Credentialing Center's prestigious *Magnet Award*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 21, 2022, as

"JAMES A. HALEY VETERANS' HOSPITAL AND CLINIC DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and Clinic, its 6,500 employees, and many volunteers and supporters on this special 50th Anniversary milestone, and in thanking them for *serving the Veteran who served us* and for their dedication to the care and well-being of our military heroes and wishing them continued success in their future.



Jane Castor
Mayor