

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". The word "MASCOTTE" is also visible.

Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, a tradesman is defined as someone who acquires their skills through apprenticeship or vocational training and education, and they serve in the fields of building maintenance, carpentry, plumbing, electricity, and other essential industries, and their talents enhance and improve our quality of life, and tradesmen have been a valuable part of the community since the cave-dweller days, and over the years, the tradesmen industry has been one of the fastest growing markets; and

WHEREAS, **National Tradesmen Day** was established in 2011, and is held annually on the third Friday in September to honor the men and women for their invaluable services and knowledge in keeping infrastructure and utility systems operational, both in our homes and places of work, and without them, our quality of life would suffer; and

WHEREAS, the *City of Tampa's Department of Logistics & Asset Management, Facility Management Division* has a team of thirty-six workers in trades that encompasses the HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical, and General Maintenance Trades, and they each carry the responsibility of maintaining, repairing, and re-purposing facilities and facility-related infrastructure within the City of Tampa's more than 7.7 million square feet and 677 locations; and

WHEREAS, keeping in line with the City of Tampa's Transforming Tampa's Tomorrow (T3) initiative with a goal of sustainability and environmental awareness, the Facility Management Division contributes through continued conversion of existing lighting systems with energy saving LED alternatives along with the installation of vehicle charging stations, which accommodate the City's increasing electric vehicle inventory; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa acknowledges and commends the Department of Logistics and Asset Management and its Facility Management Division for its mission of providing outstanding services, and further recognizes the dedication, professionalism, and talents of its many trades workers who ensure each day our facilities and workspaces are healthy and in optimal working condition, which contributes greatly to the success of the City and the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 16, 2022, as

"NATIONAL TRADESMEN DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to thank and recognize the many contributions of professional tradesmen in our community who ensure our quality of life is maintained, not just annually on September 16th, but every day of the year.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 16th day of September, 2022.



Jane Castor
Mayor