

Proclamation

The seal of the City of Tampa, Florida, is centered below the word 'Proclamation'. It features a circular design with 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, this year celebrating its 111th Anniversary, the **National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan)** is observed annually on October 10th to commemorate the beginning of the Wuchang Uprising led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen on that date in 1911, resulting in the collapse of the Qing Dynasty in China, and the establishment of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on January 1, 1911; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States of America have great respect for each other and maintain close ties that include supporting one another in economic progress, trade, and with cultural and educational exchanges, and in 1979, the United States-Taiwan Relations Act became the cornerstone of this important alliance; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the eighth largest trading partner of the United States, is the eleventh largest export market, eighth largest import market with a two-way trade totally \$114 billion, and it continues to work toward bolstering economic and trade relations between our two nations that fosters a more resilient, just, and flourishing economy for the 21st century including formal negotiations under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade introduced on June 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) established an office in Miami, Florida, and a sister-city and sister-state relationship was created, further enhancing the connection between Taiwan and the state of Florida and its cities, and Taiwan's impact in Florida has created millions of dollars in trade and investments, and thousands in jobs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate the Republic of China (Taiwan), its citizens, and those of Taiwanese descent who make their home in the Tampa Bay community on this special 111th National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan) milestone occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 10, 2022, as

“NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and call upon our citizens to join me in acknowledging the rich culture of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the contributions it has made to our city, state, nation and to the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15th day of September 2022.



Jane Castor

Mayor