

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in October 1922 in Tampa, Florida, and led by its founding Pastor, Reverend A.F. Williams, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, now known as **New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church**, was located at the corner of 26th Street and 14th Avenue, and under the leadership of successional ministers, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church grew and prospered, and a new location was established at its present 2511 Columbus Drive site; and

WHEREAS, over the years, New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church's membership continued to grow, and it became necessary to expand to meet the needs of the congregation and the community, and through its dedicated leadership, many improvements were made including the mortgage paid off, remodeling and renovations made, an edifice erected, central air-condition installed, a new parsonage built, new pews, an organ and piano bought, additional property acquired, transportation vehicles purchased, many ministries established, and much more; and

WHEREAS, New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church (NMZ Tampa) is a church centered on Christ, bible-focused, relationship-driven body of believers located in the heart of Tampa, and its mission includes *Changing the World through the L.O.V.E. of Christ, One Soul at a Time*, and under the successful leadership of its pastor, Reverend Larry L. Roundtree II, the church continues to improve, grow and prosper, and it makes a positive impact in the Tampa community and contributes to its success; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its anniversary, the members of New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church will hold a special **120th Anniversary Gala** on Friday, October 14, 2022, featuring the theme *The Church: Remembering the Past, Reflecting on the Present, and Reaching for the Future*, and attendees will have an opportunity to acknowledge all that has been accomplished for well over a century, and the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate Pastor Roundtree and the congregation on this special occasion and best wishes are extended for God's blessings and continued success.

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, October 14, 2022 as

"NEW MOUNT ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the rich history and many contributions this church and its members have made to our community over the past 120 years and in congratulating them on this special milestone anniversary.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 14th day of October 2022.



Jane Castor

Mayor