

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, in the United States of America, it is estimated that over 1.5 million people are living with or in remission from blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, and approximately 178,500 new cases are expected to be diagnosed this year; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1949, the **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** (LLS), by means of voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for these diseases through research efforts, and the organization is committed to the support for those that suffer from them and they advocate for awareness and educational initiatives, and its mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families, and its key values include *Collaboration, Openness, Accountability, and Transparency*; and

WHEREAS, the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has been funding research for more than seven decades, to date over \$1 billion, and has a remarkable record of supporting investigations that lead to improved diagnostics and more effective therapies, and is the leading source of blood cancer education and support services for patients, survivors, families, caregivers, and health professionals; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Suncoast Chapter will join with other communities across the nation and Canada in hosting its annual **Light The Night®** at Tampa's Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park on Thursday, November 3, 2022, and the evening will feature participants carrying illuminated lanterns, activities, and fireworks, and event celebrates, honors, and remembers those touched by blood cancers, and raises needed funding for lifesaving research, advocacy, and support for blood cancer patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is similarly committed to the eradication of these diseases and supports research and the treatment of its citizens that suffer from them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 3, 2022, as

“LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY LIGHT THE NIGHT DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to become more familiar with blood related cancers and to participate in voluntary activities such as the Light The Night Walk to support education programs and the funding of research to find a cure for these diseases.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 18th day of October 2022.



Jane Castor

Mayor