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Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Government Lawyers are a distinguished and unique group of attorneys that work for the various branches of federal, state, and local governments, and who provide valuable and critical legal services, and they ensure fair access to the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, government lawyers are specialized legal professionals practicing in an array of governmental agencies including Public Defenders, State Attorneys, Attorney Generals, United States Attorneys, County and City Attorneys, Law Clerks, Court Staff Attorneys and even Judges; and

WHEREAS, every day, government lawyers provide valuable and critical legal services to our city, county, state, and federal governments through a multitude of entities, doing important work that positively affects our community, and they serve as leaders, offering their unique skills and knowledge for the betterment of society; and

WHEREAS, government lawyers are often unsung heroes who may go unnoticed and unrecognized for their efforts in ensuring the fair and expeditious administration of the legal system, and they are dedicated public servants who often serve for less compensation than in the private sector, and they deserve to be recognized and thanked for the valuable service they provide to their respective governmental agencies and the public at large; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough County Bar Association is one of the largest voluntary bar associations in Florida with a membership of 3,500 attorneys, judges, and legal professionals, including those within its Government Lawyers Section, and its mission is to inspire and promote respect for the law and the justice system through service to the legal profession and to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is appreciative of its City Attorney's Office and the commitment they demonstrate each day in the important legal affairs of the City, and their extensive service in the management, charge, and control of the City's legal business within each division and department.

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 17, 2022, as

"GOVERNMENT LAWYERS DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all residents to join me in expressing appreciation to the dedicated government legal professionals for the outstanding service they provide to our community, and in thanking them for their commitment to public service and to the fair and just administration of the legal system.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of November 2022.

Jane Contar Mayor