

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens; **Ryan Patrick McDonagh**, an outstanding National Hockey League (NHL) Professional Leading Defense Player is one such person; and

**WHEREAS**, born in 1989 in Saint Paul, Minnesota, Ryan honed his ice hockey skills at Cretin-Derham Hall High School where he was a star player, leading the team to its first state hockey championship, earning him the **2007 Minnesota Mr. Hockey Award**, and thereafter he was the Montreal Canadiens first-round draft pick, awarded a **2007 International Ice Hockey Federation World Championship Silver Medal**, and played for the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 2007-2010, where he later returned to earn his degree in Personal Finance; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, Ryan joined the New York Rangers and played his first NHL game on January 7, 2011, and scored his first game-winning goal on April 9, 2011, earning his team a final playoff spot; and during the NHL lockout of 2012-2013, he signed with the Kontinental Hockey League's Barys Astana team, later returning to the New York Rangers where he led as a defenseman and helped them reach fifth place in the Eastern Conference in the 2013-2014 season; he was awarded the **Most Valuable Player (MVP)** and named the Rangers' Captain in October 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Ryan joined the Tampa Bay Lightning in February 2018, adding his incredible strengths and skills to the top-rated team, and his passion, work ethic, positive energy, and confidence on the ice made him a favorite of Lightning fans, and he was instrumental in leading the Tampa Bay Lightning to the playoffs all five seasons of his tenure, ranking him third all-time Lightning defensemen with playoff scoring of 23 points, 21 assists within 89 games, he is a two-time **Stanley Cup Champion** (2020 and 2021), and he consistently gave his all, greatly enhancing our home team; he will always be greatly endeared by the Tampa Bay area not only for his contributions to the sport, but as a man dedicated to his community including his fervent support of local military and first responders, and to children by raising funds for those suffering with cancer and their families through initiatives such as spearheading the Jam Kancer event, creating lasting memories for children from the Tampa Shriners Hospital and the Children's Cancer Center with special gatherings and programs, and he was chosen to speak on behalf of the team at the White House with President Joe Biden's congratulatory recognition for the Lightning's back-to-back Stanley Cup Championships; and

**WHEREAS**, as one of the best defensemen in the NHL, Ryan is ranked first in its history for blocked shots (430), has made the playoffs every season of his career (180), has the highest NHL active defensemen rating of 220, and he is revered for his ice hockey talents, his contributions to the sport, his professionalism, and dedication, and he is well-known and respected for his love of his family, passion for ice hockey, his ability to motivate others, and he serves as an inspiration to us all.

**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, December 8, 2022, as

## **"RYAN PATRICK MCDONAGH DAY"**

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking him for all he has contributed to our community, to the sport of ice hockey, and for being a shining example of excellence on and off the ice, and in wishing him continued success in his future as he continues his legacy with the Nashville Predators.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

  
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Mayor

