

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; **Steven Stamkos**, an outstanding National Hockey League (NHL) Professional Center, Elite Goal Scorer, and Tampa Bay Lightning (Bolts) Team Captain is one such person; and

WHEREAS, born on February 7, 1990 in Markham, Ontario, Steven discovered his love of ice hockey at age two, and encouraged by his parents Chris and Lesley Stamkos, he also excelled in other sports including lacrosse, baseball, soccer and golf, and at age fifteen, he honed his extraordinary ice hockey skills playing with the Markham Waxers in the Eastern AAA (Tier 1) Hockey League of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association where he won eight titles consecutively and played in the 2003 Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament, and he helped Canada win a Gold Medal in the 2008 World Junior Ice Hockey Championships, and thereafter played with the Ontario Hockey League's Sarnia Sting where he was a key member of the team; and

WHEREAS, at eighteen years old, Steven was selected first overall in the June 2008 NHL Entry Draft and joined the **Tampa Bay Lightning** where his determination, perseverance, athletic skills including proficiency in techniques and power-plays soon made him a fan favorite, and by his second season, he had scored 50 goals; his talents and leadership as the longest serving Team Captain have been instrumental in bringing the Bolts its phenomenal success including reaching NHL Conference Finals several seasons, attaining the Stanley Cup Finals three seasons, and back-to-back **Stanley Cup Championships** for 2020 and 2021, and he has been awarded the prestigious **Maurice "Rocket" Richard Trophy** twice as the NHL's top goal scorer, and on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, Steven scored his **500th Career Goal** with the distinction of being only the third active player to do so and the 47th in NHL history, a source of great pride for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Steven is greatly admired for consistently giving his all, often playing while facing physical challenges including living with vascular thoracic outlet syndrome and suffering a broken leg and nose, torn meniscus, core surgery, and a blood clot, he never fails to demonstrate incredible strength and skill with his top-rated Bolts, and his passion, work ethic, positive energy, confidence, and his love and loyalty to his city and team has endeared him to the Tampa community, and he is well-known for his philanthropic endeavors and involvement with organizations that provide for children, those in need, and the underserved including schools, hospitals, the Ronald McDonald House, Metropolitan Ministries and more; and

WHEREAS, as one of the best athletes and known for his scoring abilities, Steven is revered for his ice hockey talents, his commitment to the sport and to his team, his professionalism, perseverance, dedication, and ethics, and he is well-respected for his love of his family, passion, his ability to motivate others, and he serves as an inspiration, especially to young people who strive to excel and overcome adversities.

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, January 27, 2023, as

"STEVEN STAMKOS DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating Steven on his incredible career including his 500th Career Goal, 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.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 27th day of January, 2023.



Mayor

