

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the Fraternal Order of Sant' Yago, the famous order to which the Brotherhood of the "Caballeros" of the Royal Order of St. James is dedicated, played a powerful role in the history of Spain; and

**WHEREAS**, just as this order in Spain contributed to the growth and prosperity of that country, the **Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago** in Tampa, Florida has continually committed itself to the perpetuation and enhancement of their proud Latin heritage and to the continued improvement of the quality of life and cultural progress in our city; and

**WHEREAS**, when chartered in 1972, the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago had a charter membership of 75, and held its first Coronation in January of 1973, and today, the organization boasts a full membership of 250 and is represented each year by an El Rey (King) and his La Reina (Queen) and her Royal Court of Ladies in Waiting, Courtesans, Pages, Attendants, a Royal Sword Bearer, and Las Damas, the Ladies Auxiliary; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to share their rich heritage and important history, the organization annually sponsors the ***Sant' Yago Illuminated Knight Parade*** in Historic Ybor City, this year held on Saturday, February 11, 2023, and it is a valuable part of our city's unique Gasparilla festivities, and throughout the year, the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago members participate in many cultural and community affairs, and they have been instrumental in providing for the needy, mentoring entrepreneurs, supporting the local economy, and assisting students; and

**WHEREAS**, created in 1994, the **Education Foundation of the Knights of Sant' Yago's** mission is supporting college scholarships and other educational enhancements for qualified Latino students at higher educational institutions in the state of Florida and is known for its community based philanthropic history, contributing in excess of one million dollars through scholarships, endowments and matching funds, and annually, the organization hosts its ***Sant' Yago Education Foundation Proclamation Dinner***, this year held on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at Centro Asturiano de Tampa in historic Ybor City; and

**WHEREAS**, as did the original order in Spain several hundred years ago, the members of the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago in Tampa have built closeness and fellowship and have enhanced our entire community with its spirit and dedication to preserving our city's rich history, heritage, and culture.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of February 2-11, 2023, as

## **"KREWE OF THE KNIGHTS OF SANT' YAGO WEEK"**

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in celebration of this event honoring our unique Latin cultures and in thanking the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago for their contributions to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2023.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor