

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) was established in 1945, and the nonprofit, family-focused organization is a national Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) for students in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education; and

WHEREAS, supporting students in public and private schools through grade 12, FCCLA's mission includes promoting personal growth and leadership development through family and consumer sciences education, and they focus on assisting youth assume their roles in society in the important areas of personal growth, family life, college readiness, career exploration, leadership, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, the FCCLA motto is *Toward New Horizons*, and the organization extends classroom learning through chapter service projects that develop leadership and employability skills, and they help young men and women learn how to plan, make decisions, carry out program skills, and in taking action through working with others within their school, community, and state; and

WHEREAS, by working to develop personal growth, creative and critical thinking, character development, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation, FCCLA provides valuable skills and tools that are vital to life's successes and an enhanced quality of life; and

WHEREAS, a nationally recognized career and technical student organization, FCCLA currently has 200,000 affiliated members including the 17,000 in Florida, and locally, there are approximately 250 members in chapters throughout Hillsborough County high schools and middle schools; and

WHEREAS, annually, during the second week in February, **National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Week** is celebrated to bring awareness to this organization and its mission that is dedicated to student development and success, this year held February 13-17, 2023, with the theme **incREDible**.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 13-17, 2023, as

"FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in saluting the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and its local Hillsborough County chapters, and in expressing appreciation for their commitment to the youth and future of our nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of February 2023.



Mayor

