

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1956, the **University of South Florida (USF)** is one of the largest public and global research universities in the United States with campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Sarasota-Manatee, and it delivers outstanding internationally recognized programs for undergraduates, graduates, professionals and for the greater community; and is dedicated to empowering students to maximize their potential for lifelong success; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated to empowering students to maximize their potential for lifelong success, USF's mission includes conducting innovative scholarship, creative activity, and basic and translational research, and delivering a world-class educational experience that promotes its talented and diverse students, and it has developed and grown substantially for nearly four decades; and

**WHEREAS**, the University of South Florida, home of the USF Bulls, is a source of great pride for the entire Tampa Bay region for its many accomplishments including successful programs in the USF Department of Athletics and home of the champion **University of South Florida Coed Cheer Team**; and

**WHEREAS**, the **USF Coed Cheer Team**, under the leadership and guidance of Coach Gillian Guadagnino, Assistant Coaches Ronnie Patrick and Savannah Wright, and Volunteer Coaches Adarius Payne and Noah Webb, earned its third straight Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) College National Championship Division 1-A Coed Division, competing at Walt Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida on January 13-15, 2023, bringing national and international acclaim to the Tampa Bay area; and

**WHEREAS**, the outstanding USF Coed Cheer Team, in the bold colors of **Green** and **Gold**, including team members Ansley Topchik, Ashlyn Pinner, Brandon Gray, Bri Wilson, Chloe George, Erica Scarborough, Evan Tollinchi, Gabe Oliveira, Gabe Rodriguez, Harley Sultuska, Joey Apisa, Jovon Penny, Lucas Campbell, Madison Holland, Ramsey Robinson, Sarah Wood, Tatum Reel, Thomas Crawford, and Trent Hayden, and their dedication, teamwork, skills and determination has earned the admiration of the sports world, fellow athletes, and fans alike with their impressive third consecutive title; and

**WHEREAS**, sports open many doors of opportunity and allows for the development of lifelong skills, and the USF Coed Cheer Team consistently exhibits and plays with professionalism, spirit and dignity, and they serve as positive role models for the youth and fans in our community, state, and nation.

**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, February 24, 2023, as

## ***"USF COED CHEER TEAM DAY"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens and USF Bulls fans to celebrate the impressive accomplishments of the USF Coed Cheer Team, congratulate them for their impressive efforts and commitment, and support them as they enter the 2023-2024 coed cheer season.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

  
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Mayor

