

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in 1994, **AmeriCorps** is a federal agency, and its mission includes improving lives, strengthening communities, and fostering civic engagement through service and volunteering, and the organization strives to make national service and volunteerism a cornerstone of our nation's culture; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps has approximately 200,000 dedicated members and volunteers and it partners with over 2,000 organizations who are committed to the betterment of communities, and AmeriCorps disperses more than \$800 million in funding annually, and **AmeriCorps Seniors** volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to helping others through its initiatives such as the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members serve and improve communities through core programs including Education, Healthy Futures, Economic Opportunity, Environmental Stewardship, and Disaster Services which provides response and relief through our nation's most trying times; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers encourage collaboration and partnerships, bring people together across race, age, and zip codes to address critical issues facing our city, state, and nation, forge relationships and cultivate mutual respect, and help to build resilient and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, locally, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors make a tremendous difference in the Tampa Bay area with many beneficial grants, programs, and partnerships including **Tampa's Green Team**, the first city-sponsored environmental stewardship program in Florida, and **Castor's Classroom Companions** whereby senior volunteers serve as tutors and mentors to vulnerable students, and on Monday, April 3, 2023, approximately 100 classroom Foster Grandparents serving in Hillsborough County schools will be recognized for their dedication to the youth of our community and for their efforts to teach, mentor, and encourage them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 12-18, 2023, as

AMERICORPS WEEK

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all residents to recognize the outstanding work of AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers, and to join me in expressing appreciation for their dedication in enhancing the quality of life for our community and those throughout the nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of March 2023.



Jane Castor

Mayor