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Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, surveyors and mappers are counted among the founding leaders of our country, instrumental in the formation, retracement, and layout of property boundaries in the United States, providing our citizens the opportunity to enjoy the American dream of peaceable real property ownership; and

WHEREAS, our founding fathers including George Mason, and former United States Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln all served as surveyors, contributing to the historical mapping of America in its early years; and

WHEREAS, surveying and mapping professionals provide valuable contributions to our nation's history, development, and quality of life, and the valued profession requires advanced education, specialized training, knowledge of mathematics, understanding the related physical and applied sciences, and requirements of law; and

WHEREAS, surveyors and mappers are uniquely qualified and licensed to measure, determine, and describe land and water boundaries for the management of natural resources and protection of private and public property rights, and their expertise assists in making important decisions; and

WHEREAS, the continual advancements in instrumentation have required the surveyor and mappers to not only be able to understand and implement the methods of the past, but also to learn and employ modern technology in finding solutions to meet the challenges of the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa Survey Section is a professional group of surveyors with the experience and dedication to provide the highest quality surveying services supporting the community and various departments within the City of Tampa; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Surveying and Mapping Society, that includes the Tampa Bay Chapter and the Central Florida Chapter, is a nonprofit association established in 1955, and its mission includes promoting, enhancing, and preserving the surveying and mapping profession through public awareness, educational efforts and advocacy for the profession and legislative actions.

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 March 19-25, 2023, as

"FLORIDA SURVEYORS & MAPPERS WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to recognize the many contributions and the ongoing dedication of surveyors and mappers to our community and throughout the United States.

Jane Castar

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 16th day of February 2023.