

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Tampa, Florida is proud of its rich history and cultural diversity that is unique to our community, and much of it can be attributed to the pioneers and immigrants who contributed substantially to its successful development, growth, prosperity, and strength as well as to the state of Florida and our nation from its early years to present day; and

WHEREAS, May has been named **Jewish American Heritage Month** since 2006, when former President George W. Bush proclaimed it in recognition of the over 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture including its heritage and diversity, generous philanthropy, and through education, health, science, social services, the arts, industry, and through military service in the United States Armed Forces and National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the biblical and contemporary history of the Jewish people and the enduring values of the Jewish faith were sources of inspiration for the founding of the United States, and in monumental periods in our nation's history, and it continues in America's global leadership in the causes of freedom, social justice, and central tenets; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America was the first country in the world to recognize the State of Israel in 1948, now celebrating its 75 Anniversary of its modern founding, and the City of Tampa is proud of its formal Sister City relationship with Ashdod, Israel, which provides opportunities for the development of cultural, educational, and economic exchanges with Ashdod and its citizens, and other areas within Israel; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans are part of the success story of our nation and the Tampa Bay region, and they are an established and vital component of the neighborhoods in which they live, play, and work, and they serve as teachers, entrepreneurs and business owners, scientists, medical and health personnel, first-responders, public servants and community leaders, artists, entertainers, authors, non-profit organization leaders, and so much more; and

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

"JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Jewish American community for the many contributions they have made and continue make to our city, state, and nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17th day of April, 2023.



Jane Castor

Mayor