

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, dedicated law enforcement officers work with extraordinary courage and commitment in protecting citizens and neighborhoods against crime, violence, and terrorism, and we rely on them for the safety and well-being of ourselves and our families; and

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded police death in the United States in 1786, there have been over 22,000 names of law enforcement officers engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located at Judiciary Square in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, the late United States President John F. Kennedy signed into law a bill proclaiming May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year to be named as ***Peace Officers Memorial Day*** and the week in which it falls as ***Police Week***, a time of mourning for police officers killed in the line of duty and recognition of others who were injured protecting our citizens from harm; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout our nation, approximately 800,000 sworn law enforcement officers will participate in this official period of mourning; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1895, there have been thirty-two City of Tampa Police Officers killed in the line of duty, and this observance provides the opportunity to honor the memory of these brave individuals who gave their lives to protect our citizens and community; and

**WHEREAS**, this day of mourning will officially be held in Tampa, Florida on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 9, 2023, as

## ***“LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY”***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in honoring the memory of these fallen officers and recognizing the members of our local law enforcement agencies for their continued commitment to enforcing our laws, bringing criminals to justice, and making our community safer.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor