

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission, **Hillsborough Community College** was founded in 1968, and over the years it has grown to become the fifth largest community college in the Florida State College System with five campuses serving over 42,000 students each year, and it offers 200 academic options, continuing education, lifelong learning courses, specialized programs, and more; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Community College's mission includes transforming lives by providing open access to an exceptional teaching and a learning environment that inspires students to contribute to the local community and global society, and HCC is committed to Student Success, Sustainability, Service, and Integrity; and

WHEREAS, campus life at Hillsborough Community College includes the arts, student clubs and organizations, student support services, on-campus housing, bookstores, dining, and championship athletics; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Community College Women's (Lady Hawks) Tennis Team is an example of the outstanding talent within the HCC Athletic Department, and their hard work, skills and successes are legendary, and they recently earned the **National Junior College Athletic Association's (NJCAA) Division I 2023 Championship**, the second such victory in the school's history, when they competed and won in Tyler, Texas on May 6-10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, led by Athletic Director and Head Coach Sarah Lytle, who was named *Coach of the Tournament*, and Assistant Coach Paula Rives, the committed and talented HCC Women's Tennis Team played with determination, winning with a team point total of 46; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated players and coaches consistently play with professionalism, spirit, dignity, and good sportsmanship, and they serve as positive role models for the youth and fans in our community, state, and nation, and the City of Tampa takes pride in saluting the dedicated Lady Hawk Tennis Team members who gave their all to bring home the National Championship title; Arina Gamretkaia, Esmee Andresen, Ita Habekovic, Alicia Gomez, Camilla Mitolo, Paula Cabrer, Yoana Dudova, and Rocio Martinez, and Coach Lytle and Assistant Coach Rives.

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, June 16, 2023, as

"HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join with the HCC Lady Hawks Tennis Team fans in celebrating their impressive accomplishments, encourage them as they practice and compete at their home court, the Tejas Pradip Patel HCC Tennis Center, and congratulate them for their impressive efforts on and off the tennis courts.

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



Jane Castor
Mayor