

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa and the citizens of Tampa, Florida are extremely proud of our exceptional Tampa Bay Buccaneers (the Bucs), established as the National Football League's (NFL) 27th franchise, awarded in 1974 as an expansion team; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers inaugural season was in 1976, where they played at the Tampa Stadium, known to all as "The Big Sombrero" and later renamed Raymond James Stadium, affectionally called "Ray Jay" by local fans, and it is well known for its unique 103-foot-long authentic replica of a pirate ship located in Buccaneer Cove that fires celebration cannons, and for hosting major sporting events including three NFL Super Bowls; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers brought national and international exposure to our community with their history of successes including being the first post-merger expansion team to clinch the first National Football Conference (NFC) title in 1979, continuing throughout their history to be a title contender in the NFL, and for winning two NFL Super Bowls, the first XXVII (27) in 2003, and then LV (55) in 2021, at Ray Jay, the first team to ever win a Super Bowl in its home stadium; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers began their football legacy playing in Florida orange and white "creamsicle" color uniforms and featured Bucco Bruce, a mustachioed pirate character logo on their helmets, and the colors remained from 1976 through 1996, when it transitioned to pewter, white and red; annually from 2009 to 2012, the Bucs would wear their iconic creamsicle colors once a year, to the delight of fans everywhere; and

WHEREAS, to honor the Tampa Bay Buccaneer legacy, **Creamsicle Day** is held on Monday, August 14, 2023, and the day features creamsicle themed experiences including at the Bucs Training Camp, fireworks at Armature Works, fans city-wide wearing the throwback creamsicle color, and other exciting, themed events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, August 14, 2023, as

"TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS CREAMSICLE DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for all they have contributed to our community both on and off the football field, and wear the **creamsicle** color on August 14, 2023, in support of our outstanding home team and in recognition of this throwback celebration.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 14th day of August 2023.



Jane Castor

Mayor