

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, this year celebrating its 112<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the **National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan)** is observed annually on October 10<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the beginning of the Wuchang Uprising led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen on that date in 1911, resulting in the collapse of the Qing Dynasty in China, and the establishment of the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

**WHEREAS**, Taiwan and the United States of America have great respect for each other and maintain close ties that include supporting one another in economic progress, trade, and with cultural and educational exchanges, and in 1979, the United States-Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8 96<sup>th</sup> Congress) became the cornerstone of this important alliance; and

**WHEREAS**, Taiwan is the ninth largest trading partner of the United States, is the thirteenth largest export market, eighth largest import market with a two-way trade totally \$135.6 billion in 2022, and it continues to work toward bolstering economic and trade relations between our two nations that fosters a more resilient, just, and flourishing economy for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act was signed into law by President Joseph R. Biden on August 7, 2023, and the United States House of Representatives passed the Taiwan International Solidary Act on July 25, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) established an office in Miami, Florida with a mission of economic liberalization, democratization, and significant international participation, and a sister-city and sister-state relationship was created, further enhancing the connection between Taiwan and the state of Florida and its cities, and Taiwan's impact in Florida has created millions of dollars in trade and investments, and thousands in jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate the Republic of China (Taiwan), its citizens, and those of Taiwanese descent who make their home in the Tampa Bay community on this special 112<sup>th</sup> National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan) milestone occasion.

**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, October 10, 2023, as

## ***“NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) DAY”***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and call upon our citizens to join me in acknowledging the rich culture of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the contributions it has made and continues to make to our city, state, nation and to the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2023.



*Jane Castor*  
Mayor