

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) is a serious disease in which scar tissue develops in the glomeruli, the small parts of the kidneys that filter waste from the blood, and the condition can lead to kidney failure, which depending on the type, can often only be treated with dialysis or kidney transplant; and

WHEREAS, FSGS has no known cure and often has no identifiable cause, but some factors include diabetes, sickle cell and other diseases, obesity, infection, drug toxicity, and rarely, by inherited abnormal genes; and

WHEREAS, **NephCure**, founded in 2000 by a group of committed parents, has invested more than \$40 million in kidney disease research, new treatments, and care, and the organization focuses on rare protein-spilling kidney diseases including FSGS, nephrotic syndrome, and Immunoglobulin A Nephropathy (AgAN), and is dedicated to its mission including empowering people with kidney disease to take care of their health and guiding patients to the best care and treatment options possible, and to find a cure; and

WHEREAS, established in 2011 by a group of friends, the **Old Florida Federation** was created to support a member of the group who was diagnosed with Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis, and the organization endeavors to advocate for and support NephCure and its mission to advance treatments and care, and they created the annual **Pig Jig Week**, which is now also held in other cities around the nation, to raise awareness and vital funding for kidney disease and a cure; and

WHEREAS, this year, the popular **Tampa Pig Jig Week** event is held on October 15-21, 2023, with the goal of educating, bringing about awareness, and raising vital funding for research, treatments, and ultimately, a cure, and the week highlights the **12th Annual Tampa Pig Jig**, a day long festival on October 21, 2023, at Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park highlighting over 70 competing barbeque teams, a Patient Social, games, and live entertainment featuring well-known country and rock artists including Brad Paisley, Riley Green, The Head And The Heart, Shovels and Rope, and Amanda Shires.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of October 15-21, 2023, as

“TAMPA PIG JIG WEEK”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to participate in the Tampa Pig Jig Week festivities, thank the health care industry for their attention to the care of FSGS patients and their families, and support nonprofit organizations and patient groups in their efforts to raise awareness and funding.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5th day of October 2023.



Jane Castor

Mayor