

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in 1887, United Way Worldwide is an international network of over 1,800 local nonprofit fundraising affiliates with a mission of seeking to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of regions around the world to advance the communities good; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 100th Anniversary, **United Way Suncoast**, originally named the Tampa Welfare League, was established in 1924, and the organization is dedicated to its mission that includes providing leadership that improves lives and creates lasting community change by mobilizing caring people to give, advocate, and volunteer, and its vision is a community united to create better opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, headquartered in Tampa and representing Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, and Desoto counties, United Way Suncoast partners with others and engages over 500,000 community members, including more than 100,000 in Hillsborough County, and their motto is “*United We Rise, United We Win*,” and

WHEREAS, through its investments with partners and its own initiatives, United Way Suncoast makes a tremendous difference in the lives of others and in improving the quality of life for individuals and families through programs such as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, helping people stay in their homes through eviction mitigation, funding youth success organizations, assistance through the Sulphur Springs Resource Center, its Quality Childcare Initiative, We Learn and Summer Care Programs, and more; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa and its employees have long been strong supporters of United Way Suncoast, and are dedicated to raising funds and awareness that makes a difference in the lives of those in need through financial support and volunteerism, and for many decades, the City has participated in an annual United Way Campaign, often earning a high contributor designation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its **100th Anniversary**, United Way Suncoast’s Jessica Muroff, Chief Executive Officer and Ernest Hooper, Senior Vice President of Communications, will welcome dignitaries and guests to its **Centennial Kick-off Celebration** on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, held at Tampa City Hall, and the event will include special volunteer recognition, and honor the many nonprofit organizations that have been part of United Way Suncoast since its founding, and the celebration provides an opportunity to reflect on all that has been accomplished and contributed to our community over the years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, January 10, 2024, as

“UNITED WAY SUNCOAST ANNIVERSARY DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking United Way Suncoast, its partners, volunteers, and supporters for their dedication to individuals and families in our community for the past 100 years and congratulate them on their Centennial Celebration and long history of success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of January 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor