

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Sant' Yago, the famous order to which the Brotherhood of the "Caballeros" of the Royal Order of St. James is dedicated, played a powerful role in the history of Spain, and just as this order in Spain contributed to the growth of that country, the **Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago (KSY)** in Tampa, Florida, has continually committed itself to the perpetuation of its proud Latin heritage and to the improvements and progress in our city, and its members have been instrumental in providing for the needy, mentoring entrepreneurs, supporting the local economy, and assisting students achieve their aspirations; and

WHEREAS, when chartered in 1972, the KSY had a membership of 75, and held its first Coronation in January of 1973, and today, the organization has a full membership of 250 and is represented each year by El Rey (King) and La Reina (Queen) and her Royal Court of Ladies in Waiting, Courtesans, Pages, Attendants, Royal Sword Bearer, and Las Damas, the Ladies Auxiliary, and to share their rich heritage and history, the organization sponsors the ***Sant' Yago Illuminated Knight Parade*** in Historic Ybor City, this year held on Saturday, February 10, 2024, and it is a valuable part of our city's unique Gasparilla festivities; and

WHEREAS, the **Education Foundation of the Knights of Sant' Yago** was created in 1994, and its mission includes supporting college scholarships and educational enhancements for qualified Latino students at higher educational institutions and is well-known for its community based philanthropic history, contributing nearly five million dollars over the years through scholarships, endowments, and matching funds, and annually, the organization hosts its ***Sant' Yago Education Foundation Proclamation Dinner***, and

WHEREAS, during the Sant' Yago Education Foundation Proclamation Dinner, this year held on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at Centro Asturiano de Tampa in historic Ybor City, the organization will salute one of its members, Dr. Ronald L. Vaughn, President of the prestigious University of Tampa, for his unwavering support of the organization for over two decades, and for his enormous impact on the lives of so many deserving students in their goals to obtain a quality college education whereby becoming productive and successful members of our city and nation; and

WHEREAS, as did the original order in Spain several hundred years ago, the members of the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago in Tampa have built closeness and fellowship and have enhanced our entire community with its spirit and dedication to preserving our city's rich history, heritage, and culture.

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 February 1-10, 2024, as

"KREWE OF THE KNIGHTS OF SANT' YAGO WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in celebration of this event honoring our unique Latin cultures, showing appreciation to the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago for their contributions to our community, and to thank and congratulate Dr. Vaughn in this well-deserved recognition.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of February 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor