

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, cancer impacts not only its victims, but also the loved ones and families of the victims, as well as the countless physicians, nurses, counselors, and volunteers who provide care and comfort; and

WHEREAS, *The Yerrid Foundation, Inc.* is a non-profit charity organization dedicated to supporting other worthy charity organizations, children's causes, and particularly those groups assisting cancer victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, *The Lightning Foundation, Inc.* is a non-profit charity organization of the Tampa Bay Lightning National Hockey League (NHL) hockey team with the mission of providing support for local youth programs, disabled and disadvantaged children's organizations, cancer research and organizations that provide emotional, financial, and educational assistance for cancer patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, in a public effort to heighten cancer awareness, The Yerrid Foundation and The Lightning Foundation joined forces twenty-five ago to create "**Tampa Bay Fights Cancer Night**" which takes place during a regularly scheduled hockey game, this year held on Saturday, February 17, 2024, when the Tampa Bay Lightning play the Florida Panthers at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Tampa Bay Fights Cancer Night free admission and vouchers for food and drinks to cancer victims and their families, as well as free admission to health care professionals and dedicated volunteers that tirelessly wage war each day against this dreaded disease, and who are committed to the health and well-being of the entire Tampa Bay area.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 17, 2024 as

"TAMPA BAY FIGHTS CANCER NIGHT"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in expressing appreciation to all those involved in the planning and organization of this event that brings awareness about cancer to the community and recognizes the efforts of so many.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 14th day of February, 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor