

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, established in 1919, the Order of DeMolay, an international youth leadership organization, was founded by Frank S. Land in Kansas City, Missouri, and remains a character-building organization for young men ages twelve to twenty-one years of age, and it is dedicated to preparing them to lead successful, happy, and productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, with adults serving in mentorship roles as advisors, DeMolay offers young men the lessons and programs necessary for better citizenship so that they may become the leaders of tomorrow through a variety of youth-led, self-directed, real world applications, and activities utilizing hands-on experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, DeMolay helps develop traits of character, which strengthen men of all ages by teaching the leadership skills, civic awareness, and personal responsibility that are vital for positive development and success; and

**WHEREAS**, DeMolay International has carried out its goals for over a century through initiatives and programs such as civic involvement, athletic competition, social activity, and charitable projects; and

**WHEREAS**, in Tampa, Florida, the Paul Revere Chapter of DeMolay is observing its 104<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2024 and celebrating its position as the first DeMolay Chapter established in the state of Florida, and the occasion provides the opportunity to bring awareness to the community of its many activities, and to recognize the millions of active and senior DeMolays throughout the world.

**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 month of March 2024 as

## ***“DEMOLAY MONTH”***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in saluting the young men of DeMolay International and locally, the Paul Revere Chapter, and in expressing appreciation for the fine example set by them in contributing to the welfare of our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor