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Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, all children deserve strong families with parents who are there to love, nurture, and protect them, and **Camelot Community Care** has been committed to children and have provided child welfare services to communities for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Camelot Community Care was established in 1973 as Camelot Care Centers by Dr. James Spicer, and the well-recognized non-profit organization provides services nationally, and throughout the state of Florida including the Tampa Bay area; and

WHEREAS, for over five decades, Camelot Community Care has been driven by its belief that every child deserves a loving and supportive home, and it is dedicated to its mission that includes enabling children and families to realize their fullest potential by stopping the cycle of abuse and neglect, and accomplishing that goal through family preservation and permanency; and

WHEREAS, with the motto *Bringing Families Together For A Bright Future*, Camelot Community Care is committed to providing services and programs that are family centered, strength based, and individualized, ensuring they are specific to the needs of each client, and by focusing on family preservation, the organization addresses issues in the home environment that will allow the family to remain intact and eliminating the need for more restrictive and costly services; and

WHEREAS, many of the valuable services provided by Camelot Community Care include traditional and treatment foster care, child welfare case management, comprehensive behavioral health assessments, and many services such as family reunification, family safety and preservation, independent living, adoption support, child protection teams, juvenile diversion, multi-dimensional family therapy, school based day treatment programs, and more that ensure children in bad situations move toward brighter futures; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 7, 2024, the Camelot Community Care organization is hosting its *Fostering Brighter Tomorrows 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner* at the Centre Club in Tampa, Florida, and the special evening will provide an opportunity for attendees to reflect on all that has been accomplished over the years including the lives that have been positively impacted by their dedication and efforts, and to plan for the future of the organization's mission to impact children, families and the communities they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 7, 2024, as

"CAMELOT COMMUNITY CARE 50TH ANNIVERSARY DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join in congratulating Camelot Community Care on this milestone 50th Anniversary, in thanking them for their dedication to child welfare, and in wishing them continued success in their future.

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