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Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Greek physician Hippocrates (5th Century) is credited with the origin of the word cancer, a term for diseases in which abnormal cells divide without control and can invade nearby tissues, and it can also spread to other parts of the body through the blood and lymph systems; and

WHEREAS, cancer greatly impacts its victims and their families and loved ones, as well as the countless physicians, nurses, counselors, and volunteers who provide care and comfort, and the treatment of cancer is highly specialized and a critical field of medicine; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 40th Anniversary, the Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute is an independent physician-owned and physician led community oncology practice, comprised of over 250 physicians, 280 advanced practice providers, and over 4,700 team members who provide cancer care at nearly 100 locations across the state of Florida, including locally in Hillsborough County, and they have a shared mission of providing exceptional cancer care; and

WHEREAS, Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute is a leader in medical oncology and hematology, and are at the forefront of science and research to provide the best treatment options available for their patients and to personalize their unique needs, and they offer patients access to more clinical trials than any private oncology practice in Florida; and

WHEREAS, nationally recognized for its commitment to providing outstanding patient care, and its participation in scientific breakthroughs and involvement in clinical trials, Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute has been recognized by the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) with its *Clinical Trials Participation Award*; and

WHEREAS, Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute is celebrating its 40th Anniversary with a year-long celebration featuring the theme *40 Years at the Forefront*, that reflects on its rich history of providing world-class cancer care and cancer research across Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, March 18, 2024 as

"FLORIDA CANCER SPECIALIST AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ANNIVERSARY DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in expressing appreciation to the Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute for their commitment to cancer research and the health of all Floridians, and in congratulating them on this milestone 40th Anniversary occasion.

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Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28th day of February, 2024.