

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Tampa, Florida is proud of its rich history and cultural diversity that is unique to our community, and much of it can be attributed to the pioneers and immigrants who contributed to its successful development, growth, prosperity, and strength to our city, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, the month of May has been named **Jewish American Heritage Month** since 2006, when former President George W. Bush proclaimed it, recognizing Jewish contributions to American culture including its heritage and diversity, generous philanthropy, and through its impact in education, health, culinary traditions, science and technology, social services, the arts and entertainment, business and industry, government, and valiant service in the United States Armed Forces and the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the biblical and contemporary history of the Jewish people and the enduring values of the Jewish faith were sources of inspiration for the founding of the United States and in monumental periods in our nation's history, and it continues in America's global leadership in the causes of freedom, social justice, and central tenets; and

WHEREAS, through core Jewish beliefs such as the creation of man in the image of God, the infinite value of every human life, the need for weekly Sabbath, and the importance of education in the lives of children, the Jewish community has helped to define America's character and values; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America was the first country globally to recognize the State of Israel in 1948, and over the years has developed a deep friendship based on shared values and mutual interests, and the City of Tampa is proud of its formal Sister City relationship with Ashdod, Israel, which provides opportunities for the development of cultural, educational, and economic exchanges with Ashdod and its citizens, and in other areas within Israel; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans are part of the success story of our nation and the Tampa Bay region, and they are an established and vital component of the neighborhoods in which they live, play, and work, and they serve in vital leadership roles, professions, enterprises, as entrepreneurs, public servants and so much more.

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

"JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Jewish American community for the many contributions they have made and continue to make to our city, state, and nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5th day of April, 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor