

# Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1865 by William and Catherine Booth, **The Salvation Army** was established to meet the needs of the poor and disadvantaged in the slums of London, England, and the organization today is in over 130 countries around the world including in the United States of America, where it was established in 1880 and where it assists approximately 23 million Americans annually; and

**WHEREAS**, The Salvation Army is an international movement and an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church, and for nearly 160 years has been dedicated to its mission of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination, and the organization responds to disasters around the globe, assisting in times of great difficulties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salvation Army, with its motto *Doing the Most Good*, and through the support of donors, volunteers, and community advocates, has served those less fortunate with services including those for struggling families, the aging, homeless, food insecurity, job training, spiritual healing, holiday assistance, and disaster relief, and it serves with compassion striving to uplift others in their times of need; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1954, when the late United States President Dwight D. Eisenhower first proclaimed it, **National Salvation Army Week** has been celebrated annually, and it provides an opportunity to recognize the organization's legacy and many years of service, and to honor the efforts of the volunteers, donors, and its valuable programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Tampa, Florida has been a Salvation Army community since 1893, and it has grown to include several locations that aid those in need through serving the homeless and struggling families with assistance such as utilities, rent, clothing and food, and providing services through the Salvation Army's Red Shield Shelter, Pathway of Hope, Recuperative Care Program, and much, 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 13-19, 2024, as

## ***"NATIONAL SALVATION ARMY WEEK"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking all those involved in Salvation Army for all they contribute to our community, our nation, and the world each day.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor