

# Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Tampa, Florida is a uniquely diverse city, and in recognition of Tampa's ever-increasing cultural, economic, and municipal relationship with the State of Israel, the City of Tampa is proud to join with the greater Tampa area Jewish community in celebrating the **76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Israel Independence Day**; and

**WHEREAS**, this day, also known as *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, is officially recognized on the anniversary of the establishment of the modern State of Israel on May 14, 1948, when Israel's first Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion (1886-1973) publicly read the *Declaration of Independence of Israel*; and

**WHEREAS**, Yom Ha'atzmaut is preceded the day before by *Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Day of Remembrance for Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism*, and it is a day devoted to the memory of those who gave their lives for the achievement of independence and its continued existence; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the importance of our community's ties to countries from around the world in areas including the economy, trade, tourism, and more, the City of Tampa is proud of its formal Sister City association with Ashdod, Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sister City relationship between the City of Tampa and Ashdod has presented an opportunity for our city and citizens to develop cultural, educational, and economic exchanges with Ashdod and its citizens, and in other areas within Israel; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is honored to recognize Israel's 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence by lighting special Tampa landmarks in Israel's national colors of blue and white on the evening of Monday, May 13, 2024, and the evening of Tuesday, May 14, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is honored to join in this celebration which further exemplifies the diversity of our community's culture that has made our region stronger.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 14, 2024, as

## "ISRAEL'S 76<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to take part in the activities honoring the proud history of the State of Israel and celebrating this important occasion.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.



Jane Castor  
Mayor