

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Holocaust resulted in the deliberate murder of millions of people prior to and during World War II including one third of the Jewish people, along with countless members of other minorities such as Roma and Sinti citizens, ethnic Poles, people with disabilities, homosexuals, and political and religious opponents; and

WHEREAS, reaffirming the United Nation's *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which proclaims that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein, without distinction of any kind, such as race, religion or other status, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27th as an annual **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** in memory of the victims of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Outreach Program, along with the history of the Holocaust, seeks to remind the world of the lessons to be learned to help prevent future acts of genocide and offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

WHEREAS, **Holocaust Survivors Day**, held on June 4, 2024, was established to honor and celebrate the lives and resilience of those who have survived the Holocaust, and it provides an opportunity to thank them for their contributions, sacrifices, and valuable lessons; and

WHEREAS, Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. (Gulf Coast JFCS) was incorporated on June 2, 1974, and its mission includes PROTECTING the vulnerable, EMPOWERING individuals, and STRENGTHENING families, and its Holocaust Survivors program provides assistance to the nearly 300 local Holocaust survivors in our region, allowing them to live their lives in peace and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Coast JFCS, along with the Jewish Federation of Florida's Gulf Coast and with the support from the Jewish Federations of North America are hosting a **Holocaust Survivors Luncheon** on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at Temple Beth-El in St. Petersburg, Florida, to celebrate the lives of survivors in Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco counties.

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, June 4, 2024, as

"HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida in honor of the survivors, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the city of Tampa should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference and thank those who have lived through the Holocaust for their contributions and for teaching us to prevent future acts of genocide through remembrance.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 18th day of May 2024.



Jane Castor
Mayor