

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, celebrating its 50th Anniversary, **Tampa Preparatory School** (Tampa Prep) was founded in 1974, the vision of a group of dedicated citizens with the goal of establishing a non-denominational, independent secondary school rigorous in its college-preparatory curriculum and committed to the arts and athletics, and in 1977, it proudly graduated its first class of eighteen students; and

WHEREAS, Tampa Prep is governed by a Board of Trustees comprised of parents, alumni, and business and civic leaders from the Tampa Bay area, and the co-educational accredited school does not discriminate based on race, color, national or ethnic background, or religion, and the goal of Tampa Prep is to educate its students and help them become centered, inquisitive, and selfless adults through contact with diverse experiences and people; and

WHEREAS, Tampa's only school serving grades six through twelve, Tampa Prep students are diverse in cultures and interest, and the faculty is committed to its mission of excelling as a school that goes beyond just college preparatory by developing students and instilling in them an Honor Code that includes a preparation for a life with a higher purpose than self, and the students learn the value of community and giving by volunteering with partner organizations, donating thousands of hours each school year; and

WHEREAS, for five decades, highly ranked Tampa Preparatory School has been a *Place to...Think – Create – Be Yourself – Aspire to Excellence – Go Beyond*, and the institution's location on the Hillsborough River in downtown Tampa affords students access to the Tampa Riverwalk and Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park, and many cultural opportunities including the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, Tampa Bay History Center, Tampa Museum of Art, and historic Tampa Theatre; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Prep Terrapin faculty and students are dedicated to excellence and integrity, and to their core values of Curiosity, Honesty, Kindness, Respect, and Responsibility, which are foundations for success in school and in their futures, and they have an average graduation rate of 100%, are proudly ranked in Florida as the *14th Best College Prep Private High School* out of 343, *53rd Best High School for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)* out of 628, the Athletics Department boasts over 70 athletic individual and team state championships, and the institution has won prestigious regional and state recognition for its STEM, Chorus, and Language programs; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, September 16, 2024, Kevin Plummer, Head of Tampa Preparatory School, will welcome students, faculty, alumni, the board of trustees, partner organizations, and guests to the Tampa, Florida Campus to celebrate the prestigious institution's **50th Anniversary Celebration**, and the day will provide an opportunity to reflect on all that has been accomplished since its founding in 1974.

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, September 16, 2024, as

“TAMPA PREPARATORY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida in recognition of their 50th Anniversary and encourage all citizens and alumni to join me in congratulating Tampa Preparatory School on this special milestone and thanking them for their continued commitment to education, their students, and to the Tampa Bay community.



Jane Castor
Mayor