

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, this year celebrating its 113<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the **National Day of Taiwan** is observed annually on October 10<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the beginning of the Wuchang Uprising led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen on that date in 1911, resulting in the establishment of Taiwan; and

**WHEREAS**, Taiwan and the United States of America have great respect for each other and maintain close ties that include supporting one another in economic progress, trade, and with cultural and educational exchanges, and in 1979, the United States-Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8 96<sup>th</sup> Congress) became the cornerstone of this important alliance, celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and as the eighth largest trading partner of the United States and the 13<sup>th</sup> largest export market, it supports 188,000 American jobs and continues to work toward bolstering economic and trade relations between our two nations that fosters a more resilient, just, and flourishing economy for the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, the United States-Taiwan Initiative on the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act was signed into law by President Joseph R. Biden, and the United States House of Representatives passed the Taiwan International Solidarity Act, and this year, it passed the H.R. 5988 United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act and the Tax Agreement Authorization Act, further advancing the economic partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, in the state of Florida, Taiwan is its ninth largest merchandise trade market in the Indo-Pacific region, creating millions of dollars in trade, investments, and jobs within Florida, and the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives each passed a resolution in February 2024, expressing support for enhancing bilateral economic ties between Florida and Taiwan; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) established an office in Miami, Florida with a mission of economic liberalization, democratization, and significant international participation, and a Florida-Taiwan sister-state relationship was created, along with several Florida sister-cities established, further enhancing the connection; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate Taiwan, its citizens, and those of Taiwanese descent who make their home in the Tampa Bay community on this special 113<sup>th</sup> National Day of Taiwan milestone occasion.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 10, 2024, as

## ***“NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN”***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and call upon our citizens to join me in acknowledging the rich culture of Taiwan and the contributions it has made and continues to make to our city, state, nation, and to the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.



*Jane Castor*  
Mayor