

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, families of faith wishing to worship together founded the Twenty-Second Street Church of God in November of 1914, where services were held in a wood building, located at North 22nd Street and East 20th Avenue in East Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the church grew over time and its membership increased, so in 1982, a groundbreaking was held nearby at 34th Street and 22nd Avenue, and on November 11, 1984, a *Grand March* from the 22nd Street Church of God location was held, leading members and guests to the newly named **Thirty-Fourth Street Church of God**, where they entered the beautiful new sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, the Thirty-Fourth Street Church of God has been a *Church for All People* for 110 years, and it is a Place of Transformation, Healing, and Hope, and the members are proud of all that has been achieved since its founding and are faithfully committed to its mission that strives to transform lives by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and meeting the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Thirty-Fourth Street Church of God's Senior Pastor, Bishop Thomas Scott has devotedly led the church, its leaders, and its congregation since 1980, and along with First Lady Marva Scott, has brought growth, prosperity, and stature to the institution for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Scott has established several ministries and initiatives during his tenure as leader of the Thirty-Fourth Street Church of God including the King's Kids Christian Academy of Tampa, Incorporated, a premier school firmly committed to excellence, the Tampa Bay Family & Community Development Corporation whose mission is providing spiritual and economic assistance to the community's disadvantaged, and more; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate Bishop Thomas and Lady Marva Scott, and the congregation of the Thirty-Fourth Street Church of God on their **110th Anniversary and Mortgage Burning Celebration** held on Sunday, November 17, 2024, and the special day will provide an opportunity to reflect on all that has been accomplished for over a century including its vast contributions to Tampa's success, and we extend our best wishes for God's continued blessings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Sunday, November 17, 2024, as

"THIRTY-FOURTH STREET CHURCH OF GOD DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the rich history and many contributions this church and its members have made to our community through the years, and in wishing them continued success in their future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of November 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor