

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, established as the American Municipal Association in 1924 at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, the **National League of Cities** (NLC) began its history with ten states, and the nonpartisan organization has grown over the past century to currently represent more than 19,000 cities, towns, and villages throughout the United States, and it is currently based in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, National League of Cities is an advocacy organization comprised of city, town, and village leaders that are focused on improving the quality of life for their current and future constituents, and it is dedicated to the strength and advancement of local governments, and has gained the trust and support of over 2,700 cities across the nation, providing them with unparalleled research, technical expertise, and more; and

WHEREAS, committed to a culture that values diversity and promotes inclusion and belonging, the National League of Cities is focused on building more inclusive communities and its mission includes relentlessly advocating for and protecting the interests of cities, towns, and villages by influencing federal policy, strengthening local leadership, and driving innovative solutions, and the organization has played a historic role in shaping some of the nation's most significant pieces of public policy; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities believes in a fair distribution of resources based on a community's needs and a just approach that recognizes the impact of historic disinvestments in marginalized and underrepresented communities, and it is ultimately about the work of mayors, council members, municipal government workers, and thousands of dedicated Americans serving and working for cities and towns across the nation; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of its 100th Anniversary, the National League of Cities is holding its **"NLC Centennial Roadshow: 100 Years, 100 Cities"** to highlight its members, partners, and the transformative progress it has accomplished together, and the journey will begin in its birthplace of Lawrence, Kansas, and it will travel to 100 cities, in-person and virtually, to spotlight the unique stories of municipalities and the invaluable relationships they've cultivated with the NLC, and the city of Tampa, Florida will welcome the organization on November 13-16, 2024, for their City Summit and a special 100th Anniversary Gala celebration.

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

"NATIONAL CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES MONTH"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to congratulate the National League of Cities on this 100th Anniversary milestone, thank the organization for all they do for our city and those throughout the nation, and in wishing them continued success in the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 9th day of April, 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor