

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, located in Africa, Eritrea is one of the youngest nations in the world and is in the Horn of Africa, sharing its borders with Ethiopia, Sudan, and Djibouti, and its capital city is Asmara, and the United States recognized the Republic of Eritrea on April 27, 1993; and

**WHEREAS**, **Independence Day of Eritrea** is celebrated each May 24<sup>th</sup> to observe the reinstatement of the country's independence on that date in 1993, and to honor those who fought during the three-decade war, and the day is one of the most important public holidays of the year for Eritreans worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, a national patriotic day, festivities take place during the week leading up to May 24<sup>th</sup> - named Independence Week (Quiyat Natsenet), and there are concerts, parades, picnics, outdoor festivities, competitions, sporting events and other forms of celebrations throughout Eritrea, and in other parts of the world where Eritreans reside; and

**WHEREAS**, the May 24<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Eritrea is recognized in the United States as a day of celebration in communities around the nation, including the state of Florida and in the Tampa Bay region, and the day honors the many contributions Eritrean Americans make in the cities and states where they live, work, and raise their families, and where they substantially impact the growth and success of our country, and where they share their proud heritage and culture, and enhance our way of life through their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Eritrea-American Society of Tampa Bay, Incorporated*, in celebration of the **34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Independence of Eritrea**, is hosting a public event at Al Lopez Park on Saturday, May 24, 2025, and the day includes competitions, music, games and puzzles, workshops, cultural dishes, and it provides an opportunity for the community to join with the celebrations and become familiar with Eritrean traditions and heritage.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 24, 2025, as

## **"34<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY OF ERITREA"**

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to take part in the activities honoring the history of Eritrea and in celebrating this important occasion.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.



*Jane Castor*  
Mayor