

# Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the Holocaust resulted in the deliberate murder of millions of people between 1933 and 1945, prior to and during World War II, and it included one third of the Jewish people, along with countless members of other minorities such as Roma and Sinti citizens, ethnic Poles, people with disabilities, homosexuals, and political and religious opponents; and

**WHEREAS**, reaffirming the United Nation's *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which proclaims that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein, without distinction of any kind, such as race, religion or other status, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27<sup>th</sup> as an annual **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** in memory of the victims of the Holocaust; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Outreach Program, along with the history of the Holocaust, seeks to remind the world of the lessons to be learned to help prevent future acts of genocide and offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

**WHEREAS**, **Holocaust Survivors Day**, is celebrated nationally each year on June 4<sup>th</sup>, and it was established to honor and celebrate the lives and resilience of those who have survived the Holocaust, and it provides an opportunity to thank them for their contributions, sacrifices, and valuable lessons, and it is estimated that in 2025, there are approximately 220,800 Holocaust survivors living in over 90 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Inc. (Gulf Coast JFCS) was incorporated on June 2, 1974, and its mission includes *Protecting* the vulnerable, *Empowering* individuals, and *Strengthening* families, and the organization serves over 300 local Holocaust survivors in our region, allowing them to live their lives in peace and dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf Coast JFCS is hosting a **Holocaust Survivors Day** celebration on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at Congregation Beth Shalom in Clearwater, Florida, to pay tribute to the Holocaust survivors in seven counties in the Tampa Bay region.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, June 4, 2025, as

## ***“HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS DAY”***

in the city of Tampa, Florida in honor of the survivors, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the city of Tampa should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference and thank those who have lived through the Holocaust for their contributions and for teaching us to prevent future acts of genocide through remembrance.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor