

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the city of Tampa, Florida has long been a community that values diversity and celebrates the rich heritage of its residents that makes our city uniquely special, and we appreciate that organizations across our nation select Tampa to host their events, including the **North America Telugu Society (NATS)**; and

WHEREAS, Telugu is the language of peoples native to the Indian states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Yanam district of Puducherry, and the North America Telugu Society is a nonprofit dedicated to serving the needs of the Telugu community across North America; and

WHEREAS, the North America Telugu Society members contribute substantially to communities as business owners, public servants, community leaders, educators, health care professionals, artists, through philanthropy and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the North America Telugu Society is dedicated to its mission of service through charitable, cultural, spiritual, social, and educational initiatives, and the organization further solicits, collects, and disburses funds for charitable purposes including for community activities such as food and clothing drives, sponsorship for youth sports, assistance during times of disasters, to families with medical needs, and more; and

WHEREAS, the North America Telugu Society in Tampa Bay has had a great impact in its generosity and support including assistance to residents during the COVID pandemic with grocery and essential supplies, support of our first responders, holiday food drives, hot meal distributions, and they support local organizations such as Rise Tampa, Feeding Tampa Bay, Habitat for Humanity, the Adopt-a-Highway program, and other worthy endeavors and causes; and

WHEREAS, the North America Telugu Society is hosting its biennial **America Telugu Sambaralu Convention** held on July 4-6, 2025, at the Tampa Convention Center, and the special time provides the opportunity for its members and guests to celebrate the rich heritage, culture, and many accomplishments of the Telugu-speaking community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 4-6, 2025, as

“NORTH AMERICA TELUGU SAMBARALU DAYS”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in welcoming the North America Telugu Society and its members and guests to our community and in thanking the organization for their many contributions in our city, state, and nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of June 2025.



Jane Castor
Mayor