

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the **University of Tampa** (UTampa) was founded on October 5, 1931, and its home is located at the former iconic Tampa Bay Hotel overlooking the Hillsborough River, and it is known nationally for its world-class education, academic programs of study, extraordinary beauty and spectacular architecture with domes, cupolas, and minarets atop Plant Hall, and it is designated a National Historic Landmark and is a proud Tampa treasure; and

**WHEREAS**, UTampa's mission includes delivering challenging and high-quality educational experiences to a diverse group of learners and is committed to developing each student to become productive and responsible citizens, and its highly qualified faculty members are committed to teaching, advising, and continuing intellectual growth, and are supportive of all aspects of student development including through activities, community service, honors program, leadership, study abroad programs, and championship sports; and

**WHEREAS**, the **University of Tampa Spartans Athletic Program** has been led by Director Larry Marfise for more than two decades and under his leadership, it has consistently earned Conference Championships, is a member of the Sunshine State Conference, known as the top National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II league in the nation, and where UTampa holds its top ranking; and

**WHEREAS**, the **University of Tampa's Baseball Team** has been named ***Academic All-Americans*** eleven times, and is dedicated to high standards and excelling both athletically and academically, and have claimed a remarkable ten NCAA National Championships, and concluded the 2025 season with an inspiring record of 55 wins; and

**WHEREAS**, led by UTampa's Head Coach, Joe Urso, in his 26<sup>th</sup> season and a former Spartan All-American and, the talented University of Tampa Spartan Baseball Team captured its tenth National Championship when they competed with professionalism and determination during the season, leading to the ***NCAA Division II National Championship*** victory, overplaying the University of Central Missouri Mules at the USA Baseball Training Complex in Cary, North Carolina on Friday, June 6, 2025, with an impressive 11-5 score; and

**WHEREAS**, the UTampa Baseball Team has brought another victory to the University of Tampa's Wall of Champions, and the dedicated team members and coaches consistently demonstrate spirit, talent, sportsmanship and dignity, and they serve as positive role models for the youth and fans in our community, state, and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2025, as

## ***"UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA SPARTANS BASEBALL TEAM DAY"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join with the University of Tampa Spartan fans in celebrating the impressive accomplishments of their Home Team, support the champion Spartans' athletic teams as they continue to compete, and congratulate them for their impressive efforts.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor