

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, founded on October 5, 1931, the **University of Tampa** (UTampa) is located at the former iconic Tampa Bay Hotel overlooking the Hillsborough River, and it is known for its world-class education, academic programs, 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 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 and study abroad programs, leadership, 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 Women's Lacrosse Team** is dedicated to high standards and in excelling both athletically and academically, and have claimed a second consecutive NCAA National Championship, concluding its 2025 season with an inspiring 21-1 winning record; and

**WHEREAS**, led by UTampa's award-winning Head Coach Kelly Gallagher, in her 13<sup>th</sup> season with the UTampa Women's Lacrosse Team, has grown her team to be nationally acclaimed in the sport of lacrosse, each year improving its skills, talents, and statistics, and on Saturday, May 24, 2025, the Spartan's captured their second consecutive National Championship when they competed with professionalism and determination during the season, leading to the **NCAA Division II National Championship** victory, overplaying the Adelphi University Panthers at Kerr Stadium in Salem, Virginia, with an impressive 15-9 winning score; and

**WHEREAS**, the UTampa Women's Lacrosse 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 WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM DAY"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join with the UTampa 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*  
Mayor