

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 2014, **Florida Climate Week** is observed in many cities throughout the state, and it is critical to bring awareness about the projected impacts of climate change on our communities, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, it is reported that 2024 was a deadly year for heat deaths in the United States with 15 consecutive months (June 2023 through August 2024) of high temperature records, and Florida is especially impacted by climate change due to its extensive coastline and some areas only a few feet above sea-level; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa published its Climate Action & Equity Plan and the 100% Clean and Renewable Municipal Energy Plan, setting 56 actions across 10 action categories to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change by increasing resilience in our communities, reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the transition to 100 percent renewable energy, and engaging communities along the way; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa Sustainability and Resilience Department's mission includes delivering outstanding services to enhance the quality of life for our community and in fostering a more sustainable and livable city, and is dedicated to building a clean energy future, conserving natural resources, and preparing for climate impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa spends an estimated \$25 million annually on electric bills, and it has installed over one megawatt of solar, and purchased more than 55 electric vehicles and has received \$443,620 from the Elective Pay tax incentive provided by the Inflation Reduction Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, do hereby commit to the Florida Race to Zero pledge, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6-12, 2025, as

"FLORIDA CLIMATE WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in recognizing the impact climate change has on our community and in doing what we can as individuals and collectively to solve and mitigate its devastating effects.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 6th day of October 2025.



Jane Castor

Mayor