

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, this year celebrating its 114<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the **National Day of Taiwan** is observed annually on October 10<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the beginning of the Wuchang Uprising led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen on that date in 1911, resulting in the establishment of Taiwan; and

**WHEREAS**, Taiwan and the United States of America have great respect for each other and maintain close ties that include supporting one another in economic progress, trade, and with cultural and educational exchanges, and in 1979, the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8 96<sup>th</sup> Congress) became the cornerstone of this important alliance, celebrating its 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, and as of July 2025, Taiwan is the sixth largest trading partner of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States and Taiwan continue to work toward bolstering economic and trade relations between our two nations that fosters a more resilient, just, and flourishing economy for both of our futures, and in 2023, the United States-Taiwan Initiative on the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Trade First Agreement Implementation Act was signed into law by President Joseph R. Biden, and the United States House of Representatives passed the United States-Taiwan Expedited Double-Tax Relief Act on January 15, 2025, further advancing the economic partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, in the state of Florida, Taiwan is one of its largest merchandise trade markets, creating millions of dollars in trade, investments, and jobs within the state, and on January 8, 2025, Taiwan and Florida Department of Commerce signed a memorandum of understanding on bilateral economic and trade cooperation to strengthen future collaboration and exchanges; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) established an office in Miami, Florida with a mission of economic liberalization, democratization, and significant international participation, and a Florida-Taiwan sister-state relationship was created along with several Florida sister-cities, further enhancing the connection, and the Government of Taiwan, through its TECO Miami office, donated \$300,000 to the Florida Disaster Fund after the Hurricanes Helene and Milton to assist with recovery efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate Taiwan, its citizens, and those of Taiwanese descent who make their home in the Tampa Bay community on this special 114<sup>th</sup> National Day of Taiwan milestone occasion, and we appreciate our mutual respect and partnerships.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 10, 2025, as

***“114<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL DAY OF TAIWAN”***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and call upon our citizens to join me in acknowledging the rich culture of Taiwan and the contributions it has made and continues to make to our city, state, nation, and to the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.



*Jane Castor*  
Mayor