

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States and it is estimated it will be detected in nearly 10,000 of our nation's young people between birth and nineteen years of age in 2025, and globally, it is estimated to be 400,000 children and adolescents each year; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer, also known as pediatric cancer, causes one in five of our nation's children to tragically lose their battle with the disease, and many infants, children and teenagers will suffer long-term effects of comprehensive treatments, including secondary cancers, and childhood cancer occurs randomly and affects every ethnic group, socioeconomic class, and geographic region; and

WHEREAS, although the causes of pediatric cancers are largely unknown, major treatment advances in recent years have resulted in cures and long-term remissions, and **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** is a global leader in advancing those cures and means of prevention, and with its motto of ***Finding Cures. Saving Children***, its mission includes that no child should die in the dawn of life, and through its groundbreaking treatment and research methods, expert staff and community of supporters, the organization provides customized care for some of the world's sickest children regardless of their race, ethnicity, beliefs, or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, children are our most precious resource and the Tampa, Florida area is fortunate to have many organizations and foundations within our community committed to raising awareness and funds to assist in the research and treatment for children afflicted with cancer, and the month of September is designated annually as **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** to celebrate advances in treatment and care, to honor the children lost to cancer, and to bring awareness and engage new advocates to join in the mission of achieving a day when every child with cancer can live a long, healthy and fulfilling life; and

WHEREAS, during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital hosts an annual St. Jude Walk that fosters hope, celebrates survivors, honors those we have lost, and rallies the community around a vision of a world where no child dies from cancer, and this year, the **St. Jude Walk – Tampa** is held on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at the Benchmark International Arena, and its goal is to embody the spirit of unity, philanthropy, and resilience.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 27, 2025, as

“ST. JUDE TAMPA WALK DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in honoring and thanking all those involved in the organizations, including in our community and throughout the nation who are dedicated in their support of cancer patients and their families.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 26th day of September 2025.



Jane Castor
Mayor