

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens; **Tim Marks, President and CEO of Metropolitan Ministries** is one such person; and

**WHEREAS**, born in Detroit, Michigan, Tim was influenced by his parents who instilled in him the value of an education, hard work and community, and his father, an immigrant from Serbia, led his youngest son by example with his strong work ethic, the value of service, and helping those in need whenever possible, and he earned his Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan and a Certificate in Non-Profit Management from the University of Tampa, and thereafter worked with Michigan Bell as a radio network designer; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim was inspired by *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey (1989), and it influenced his desire to do whatever he could in helping others, and he began his career in making communities better by volunteering at the Boston Rescue Mission, creating a passion to make a difference, and in 2006, he and his wife Valeri made Tampa, Florida their home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay region was fortunate when he became the President and CEO of Metropolitan Ministries, founded in 1972, the second person to hold the position, continuing its vision, and he created new initiatives to make the organization, team members and volunteers reach even higher results in helping those less fortunate; and

**WHEREAS**, under Tim's leadership of Metropolitan Ministries, he has elevated it to a highly respected and a model organization nationally for its initiatives, programs, effectiveness in changing families' lives, and during his two decades of leadership and commitment to those in need, he has increased community support substantially, and it has become a \$50 million charity with \$100 million in assets, and the organization serves meals, housing and emergency care for the community, and its programs include workforce development, counseling, long-term stability and education programs that serve the less fortunate; and

**WHEREAS**, known for his compassion, tenacity, love of his family, and his dedication to serving, Tim has been an effective leader who credits his team, volunteers and community support for Metropolitan's tremendous growth and success, and as he retires from the organization, he has a lasting legacy in all those he has uplifted, mentored and sent on a path to self-reliance.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 30, 2025, as

## **"TIM MARKS DAY"**

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking him for his dedication to the Tampa Bay community, recognizing him for his many accomplishments, congratulating him as he retires as President and CEO of an organization that he has been devoted to for two decades, and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor