

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the **Susan Terry Foundation** was established in 2024 to honor the legacy of the late Susan Terry (1955-2009), an advocate whose dedication and compassion has impacted those individuals living with HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) and AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), and is a non-profit organization dedicated to continuing her work; and

**WHEREAS**, Susan Terry was a trailblazer and worked tirelessly when she co-founded Sarasota, Florida's first HIV/AIDS clinic, now known as CAN Community Health, and she united medical and religious communities, secured grants, and fostered compassionate, dignified and inclusive care for those affected; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, it is estimated that approximately 1.2 million people are living with HIV, with over 120,000 of them living in the state of Florida where it ranks third in the nation for new HIV diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Susan Terry Foundation, affiliated with CAN Community Health, continues Susan's mission of addressing social determinants of health and partnering with organizations to reduce stigma and improve access to care, and the foundation is committed to their support of organizations and initiatives that empower those individuals affected to live full, healthy lives free from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Susan Terry Foundation is committed to funding services such as mental health care, housing, transportation, and substance use treatment, thereby advancing health equity for vulnerable populations, and through education, community collaboration, and strategic grantmaking, the organization works to dispel myths, break down barriers, foster understanding, and provide compassion and acceptance.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Sunday, November 2, 2025, as

## **“SUSAN TERRY FOUNDATION DAY”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and call on all members of the community to join me in recognizing the legacy of Susan Terry and her work with the HIV/AIDS community and show appreciation to the Susan Terry Foundation for their efforts in carrying on her work and wishing them continued success in their mission.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.



*Jane Castor*  
Mayor