Proclamation

Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the future of our city, state, nation, and the world is in the children we nurture today, and it is imperative that their complex needs are fully met, and it is a critical responsibility for communities to provide for them to ensure they are nourished, housed, educated, and safe; and

WHEREAS, **founded in 1986 by Pastor Dr. Moses Brown**, **Feed Our Children Ministries, Inc**. is dedicated to its mission of changing lives through love, hope, and service, ensuring that no child goes hungry and no family is forgotten; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Feed Our Children Ministries has grown from a small outreach into an expanded organization of humanitarian service, healing and hope, and has provided food, emergency housing assistance, educational support, and more to thousands of children and families throughout the Tampa Bay area through its programs and initiatives, including its signature "Pantry on Wheels" outreach; and

WHEREAS, for four decades, Feed Our Children Ministries has faithfully responded to the needs of vulnerable children, struggling families, senior citizens, individuals experiencing homelessness, and underserved communities, and its mission is made possible by the generosity of donors, volunteers, churches, businesses, community partners, and dedicated supporters; and

WHEREAS, Feeding Our Children Ministries is celebrating its **40th Anniversary** on Sunday, November 8, 2026, at the New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, and the event includes a special tribute to exceptional public servants, the **Honorables Lesley "Les" Miller, Jr. and Arthenia Joyner**, for their long-standing dedication and support of the organization, and the day provides an opportunity to inspire the next generation to continue the organization's mission of changing lives through love, hope, and compassion into the future.

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 8, 2026, as

" FEED OUR CHILDREN MINISTRIES 40th ANNIVERSARY DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens, agencies and organizations to assist in meeting the needs of the underserved and thank Feed Our Children Ministries for their dedication and commitment to our community for the past forty years, and in wishing them continued success in their future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28th day of October 2026.

Jane Castor

Mayor