

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, vascular comes from the Latin word for hollow container, and the vascular system, also known as the circulatory system, is comprised of the vessels that carry blood and lymph throughout the body to deliver oxygen and nutrients, cleanse, and take away tissue waste; and

WHEREAS, a condition that may affect the vascular system is considered vascular disease, and it can range from problems with arteries, veins, and vessels that carry lymph to issues with the flow of blood; and

WHEREAS, *Vascular Access* refers to a direct method of introducing or removing devices or chemicals from the bloodstream including intravenous therapy (IV) that allows delivery of fluids directly into a vein, and hemodialysis whereby a patient's blood is removed so it can be filtered and purified through a dialyzer, as when kidneys not functioning properly, and 90 percent of patients admitted to hospitals require some form of vascular access to receive life-saving treatment; and

WHEREAS, *Vascular Access Specialist*, an integral part of healthcare teams, are well educated and experienced, and provide exceptional vascular access insertion, care, and maintenance with the objective of promoting an optimal, proactive and intentional approach to preserve vasculature, improve clinical outcomes, enhance patient safety, and educate all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1985, the Association for Vascular Access (AVA) is an organization of healthcare professions dedicated to the support and promotion of the specialty of vascular access and its mission includes being a leader in healthcare by protecting patients and providers to improve lives; and

WHEREAS, the Association for Vascular Access is holding its **33rd Annual Scientific Meeting** in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 4-7, 2019, and Vascular Access Specialists from around the nation, globally, and locally including members of the Florida Gulf Coast Vascular Access Network (GulfVAN) and area Vascular Access Teams from hospitals that include Tampa General, BayCare, St. Joseph's, AdventHealth, Moffitt and James A. Haley Veterans', and the event includes guest speakers, workshops, networking opportunities, vendors, and much more.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2019 as

"VASCULAR ACCESS SPECIALTY DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking Vascular Access Specialist for their commitment to patient health and safety, and for continually learning and achieving for the benefit of their patients.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 2nd day of October, 2019.



Jane Castor

Mayor