

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's disease was discovered in 1906 by Alois Alzheimer, and it is a type of dementia that causes problems with memory, thinking, and behavior, and although the cognitive abilities and symptoms develop slowly, it progresses and worsens over time, often severe enough to interfere with daily tasks, the ability to carry on conversations, and in responding to their environment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated 5.8 million Americans of all ages are living with Alzheimer's disease, with over 540,000 of them living in Florida, and while the disease affects most individuals over the age of 65, as many as 200,000 around the nation have early-onset Alzheimer's; and

**WHEREAS**, many of us know someone who is suffering with Alzheimer's, and this disease drastically alters the lives of not only the patients, but of family members, friends and caregivers who may experience physical and emotional challenges, and it is important that they prepare by learning more about the disease, and the services and support available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alzheimer's Association was founded in 1980 by Jerome H. Stone, and the nonprofit's mission includes eliminating Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, providing and enhancing care and support for all those affected, and reducing the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health, and locally, its Florida Gulf Coast Chapter represents sixteen counties in our region; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to raise awareness and encourage citizens to seek accurate and early diagnosis, to raise funds to benefit the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association, and to move us closer to better treatments and a cure, the Alzheimer's Association established its **Walk to End Alzheimer's** in 1989, and the annual event has become the largest awareness fundraiser for Alzheimer's worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, locally, the *Tampa Walk to End Alzheimer's* is held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Raymond James Stadium, and the City of Tampa is pleased to join in recognizing this event, the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, the participants, and sponsors for their efforts in assisting those individuals affected by this disease.

**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, November 2, 2019 as

## **"WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S DAY"**

in the city of Tampa, Florida and call upon all citizens to join me in thanking all involved in this walk for their vital contributions to fund research and needed services to those affected, and for their efforts working toward significant progress in the fight against this disease.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2019.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor