

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, team sports such as Little League Baseball, teach children friendship, camaraderie, cooperation, respect, a sense of belonging, appreciation for others, and they build life skills that include leadership, teamwork, and physical and social interaction; and

WHEREAS, Little League Baseball was founded by Carl Stotz, George Bebble and Bert Bebble in 1939, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania as a three-team league, and the sport was incorporated in 1950, it holds a congressional charter under Title 36 of the United States Code, and Little League Baseball is played internationally and it has grown to be an integral part of almost every community; and

WHEREAS, established in 1970, and chartered by National Little League Baseball, **Bayshore Little League** is a nonprofit, community-based volunteer organization that is comprised mainly of the team members' parents, and their involvement contributes greatly to the success of the T-Ball, Baseball and Softball programs; and

WHEREAS, Bayshore Little League's mission includes imparting *life lessons* in children of the community and instilling the ideals and qualities of good sportsmanship through teamwork, discipline, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority; and

WHEREAS, for five decades, Bayshore Little League, with *A Tradition of Excellence*, has offered opportunities for boys and girls in the Tampa Bay region, from pre-kindergarten through middle school, from every demographic and varying abilities, and through positive and skillful coaching, the organization has not only provided fun for the children in our community, but also developed their skills and confidence, helped establish lasting friendships, and provided them with the guidance and tools necessary for life's successes; and

WHEREAS, Bayshore Little League will celebrate its **50th Anniversary** as a chartered little league during its Opening Day on Saturday, February 8, 2020, at the Bayshore Little League Softball Field on Davis Islands, and the special event will provide an opportunity to reflect on all that has been accomplished over the years, and the positive impact made on so many young people, and to kick off a successful 2020 season.

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, February 8, 2020 as

"BAYSHORE LITTLE LEAGUE DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to congratulate the Bayshore Little League organization on this milestone anniversary and thank the volunteers, coaches and team players for their contributions to the Tampa community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 8th day of February, 2020.



Jane Castor

Mayor