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Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in 1956, the **University of South Florida** (USF) is located in Tampa, Florida and is one of the largest public and global research universities in the United States, and it consistently delivers outstanding internationally recognized programs for undergraduates, graduates, professionals and for the greater community; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1964, the University of South Florida College of Engineering aspires to be at the forefront of engineering research and education, cultivating knowledgeable, passionate engineers who are dedicated to need-based, solutions-oriented engineering; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida College of Engineering EXPO is the official USF event celebrating National Engineer's Week, and it supports the missions of community engagement and the promotion of academic excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through research innovation and practical demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, a student organization, the University of South Florida College of Engineering EXPO has further addressed the need for creative and innovative minds in the technical workforce by encouraging and engaging over 75,000 elementary, junior, and high school students in hands-on experiential learning and mentoring in order to meet global needs; and

WHEREAS, the USF College of Engineering EXPO is celebrating its 48th event that provides leadership in nurturing and developing young minds and in enhancing the understanding of how science, technology, engineering, and mathematics influence our everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the USF College of Engineering EXPO is committed to bringing the community, school systems, civic organizations, government, academia, and industry together to work toward a common goal of promoting STEM education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 21-22, 2020 as

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in the city of Tampa, Florida and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing and supporting the USF College of Engineering Expo, and thank the organization for their commitment to elevating and promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics in our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 3rd day of January, 2020.

Jane Contar Mayor