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Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 1919, DeMolay International was founded by Frank S. Land in Kansas City, Missouri, and remains a character building organization for young men with programs for ages nine to twenty-one years of age, and it is dedicated to preparing them to lead successful, happy, and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, with registered adults serving in mentorship roles as advisors, DeMolay offers young men the lessons necessary for better citizenship so that they may become the leaders of tomorrow through a variety of youth-led, self-directed, real world applications, and activities utilizing hands-on experiences; and

WHEREAS, DeMolay helps develop traits of character, which strengthen men of all ages by teaching the leadership skills, civic awareness, and personal responsibility that are vital for positive development and success; and

WHEREAS, DeMolay International has carried out its aforementioned goals for over a century through programs of civic involvement, athletic competition, social activity, and charitable projects; and

WHEREAS, in Tampa, Florida, the Paul Revere Chapter of DeMolay, founded in 1921, is observing its 99th Anniversary in 2020, and celebrating its position as the first DeMolay Chapter established in the state of Florida, and the occasion provides the opportunity to bring awareness to the community of its many activities, and to recognize the millions of active and senior DeMolays throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2020 as

"DEMOLAY MONTH"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in saluting the young men of DeMolay International and locally, the Paul Revere Chapter, and in expressing appreciation for the fine example set by them in contributing to the welfare of our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 7th day of February, 2020.

Jane Contar Mayor