

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the United States Congress named the month of March as “**Women’s History Month**” in special recognition of the many contributions women have made to our country’s history and heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud to join in the celebration of Women’s History Month, and the 2020 theme, *Valiant Women of the Vote* celebrates women who have fought for woman’s right to vote in the United States, and in recognition of the centennial of the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the tradition of recognizing excellence and service to the City of Tampa, the *Josephine Howard Stafford Memorial Award* was established to be given annually to a current or former City of Tampa female employee who is a pioneer in her profession or excels in a field or level where women are underrepresented, and who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to her position and community; this year, the 2020 Josephine Howard Stafford Memorial Award is presented to **Jean Wruck Duncan, P.E.**, Infrastructure and Mobility Administrator in recognition of her commitment to the City of Tampa and for her efforts on behalf of the citizens of Tampa, and she continues to be a trailblazer as the first engineer to receive this honor; and

WHEREAS, Jean graduated from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and Master’s Degree in Engineering Management, and began her career with the City of Tampa in 1984 as a Stormwater Design & Planning Engineer III, and thereafter worked for the Florida Department of Transportation prior to leading her own civil engineering consulting firm; Jean returned to the City in 2003, and her expertise and strong leadership led to key appointments as *Manager of the Transportation Division* in 2009, *Director of Transportation and Stormwater Services* in 2014, serving as the first Public Works Department female director, and as the *Infrastructure and Mobility Administrator* in 2020. Jean is a Florida Licensed Professional Engineer, a valued member of the American Public Works Association (APWA) and American Society of Engineers, and has received many honors such as a Tampa City Council *Commendation*, APWA’s *Exceptional Performance Award in Safety* for leadership during the Republican National Convention, and several from the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission including the *Design Award for Excellence*, *Planning and Design Award of Merit*, and the *Chairman’s Award*. Jean is known for her work in the community including leading the City’s successful 2019 United Way Campaign, and for her strong investment in the younger generation, creating programs to encourage careers in Science, Technology, Mathematics, and Engineering. Jean promotes excellence, generously gives of her time to mentor and elevate others, and she greatly contributes to Tampa’s success, maintains a vision for its future, and impacts the quality of life for all residents. Her dedication to the City of Tampa and the community make her truly deserving of this honor; and

WHEREAS, this honoree is officially recognized on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, during the *Twenty-Fourth Annual City of Tampa Women’s History Month Celebration* at the Tampa Bay History Center, featuring keynote speaker The Honorable Pat Frank, Hillsborough County Clerk of the Court and Comptroller, former Hillsborough County Commissioner, former Florida House Representative and Florida Senator, and well-respected trailblazer and public servant.

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

“WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to pay tribute to Jean Duncan on her selection for this honor, and to observe this month by paying special recognition in their own way to all women who have positively affected their lives.

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



Jane Castor

Mayor