

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the **National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan)** is observed annually on October 10th to commemorate the beginning of the Wuchang Uprising led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen on that date in 1911, resulting in the collapse of the Qing Dynasty in China, and the establishment of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on January 1, 1911; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States of America have great respect for each other and maintain close ties that include supporting one another in economic progress, trade, and cultural and educational exchanges, and in 1979, the United States-Taiwan Relations Act became the cornerstone of this important alliance; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the ninth largest trading partner of the United States, and is a member of the United States Visa Waiver Program which allows for more accommodating travel, and in 2020, the people of Taiwan and its government donated over 11.75 million medical masks to the United States to help the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) established an office in Miami, Florida, and a sister-city and sister-state relationship was created, further enhancing the connection between Taiwan and the state of Florida and its cities, and Taiwan's impact in Florida has created approximately \$944 million in trade and investments, and thousands in jobs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate the Republic of China (Taiwan), its citizens, and those of Taiwanese descent who make their home in the Tampa Bay community on this special 109th National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan) occasion.

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, October 10, 2020 as

“NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida and call upon our citizens to join me in acknowledging the rich culture of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the contributions it has made to our nation and to the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22nd day of September 2020.



Jane Castor

Mayor