

# Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, established in 1920 in Tampa, Florida, **First Church of God Tampa** was established by George Lorton when he started a Sunday School in the Sulphur Springs community, and thereafter created the church located at 10<sup>th</sup> and Sitka Streets; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1926, George Lorton's son, John Lorton assumed leadership of First Church of God Tampa and he led the congregation for thirty-four years, increasing its membership and participation, and during his tenure the church grew and prospered, and the basement and first floor were completed; and

**WHEREAS**, First Church of God Tampa relocated to its new home located at 2202 East Busch Boulevard in 1973, where it continues to serve and engage the community with its mission *To be a Safe Place to Find Hope by Loving, Building Relationships, and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ*; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, First Church of God Tampa is celebrating on October 24-25, 2020, with Special Celebration Services featuring the theme *Vision 2020 – Continuing the Process*; and

**WHEREAS**, the anniversary festivities planned include inspiring speakers, musical guests and a family picnic, and the members and guests of First Church of God Tampa will have an opportunity to reflect on all that has been accomplished over the past century, the positive impact it has had on the community, and to plan for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate Pastor Vincent Miller and the devoted members of First Church of God Tampa on this **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** occasion, and best wishes are extended for God's blessings and continued success.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 24-25, 2020 as

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in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the rich history and many contributions this church and its members have made to our community over the past 100 years and in congratulating them on this special milestone anniversary.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor