

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS, Rotary International** was established in February 1905 by the late Chicago Attorney Paul Harris who envisioned professionals with diverse backgrounds exchanging ideas and forming meaningful, lifelong friendships, and the organization has grown to over 35,000 clubs and 1.2 million members (Rotarians) worldwide; and

**WHEREAS,** a non-political and non-religious organization, the mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders; and

**WHEREAS,** with a vision of seeing a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotarians are committed to important initiatives that include literacy and education, promoting peace and health, growing local economies, and other meaningful projects that make the world a better place and enhance the quality of life for all citizens, and they established the Flags for Heroes annual event to honor those who serve and sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS,** locally, the **Rotary Club of Tampa** was the first civic club in our community, chartered on April 7, 1914, making it the second Rotary club in the state of Florida and the 117<sup>th</sup> worldwide, and for over a century, the organization has contributed substantially to Tampa's growth and success through its dedication to the Rotary International's motto of ***Service Above Self***; and its many projects have benefitted our neighborhoods and citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the Rotary Club of Tampa, in order to honor our nation's military members, veterans, first responders, medical personnel, teachers, and others who serve especially during challenging times, are hosting the ***Flags for Hillsborough Heroes*** visual event on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, whereby more than 200 illuminated United States of America Flags will fill the Joe Chillura Courthouse Square in downtown Tampa, each with bearing a medallion with the name of an honoree, and the funds raised will benefit organizations serving children and families in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 4, 2020 as

## ***“ROTARY CLUB OF TAMPA FLAGS FOR HILLSBOROUGH HEROES DAY”***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to thank Rotary International and the Rotary Club of Tampa for their contributions to our world, nation, state and city, and support the Flags for Hillsborough Heroes event that recognizes those who serve on behalf of us all.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor