

# In Memoriam



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and nation and one of these individuals was **Victoria (Vicki) Jane Pollyea**, a well-respected member of the Tampa, Florida community who passed away on Sunday, September 15, 2019, at the age of 63; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Pollyea was a Tampa, Florida native, born on October 27, 1956, and she attended the University of Florida where she graduated Summa Cum Laude with her Bachelor of Health Science Degree, and utilized her knowledge and compassion to help others as an Occupational Therapist, especially school children; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Pollyea loved Tampa, and she made it a better place for all who live, work and play in its neighborhoods through working with businesses, organizations and governments to improve the beauty and infrastructure of the community, and enhance the quality of life for all its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, she was especially proud of her neighborhood of Bayshore Gardens, which she was instrumental in naming, and she served as the Bayshore Gardens Neighborhood Association's president for over a decade, advocating for improvements through being the community's voice, attending Tampa City Council, civic and planning meetings, and sharing the information with her neighbors so they were aware; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Pollyea was also a strong advocate for the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disorder, a disease of the nerves that control muscles, and a condition she herself suffered with, and she supported organizations that brought awareness and funding for research including the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disorder Association and Muscular Dystrophy Association, and she participated in the local and national levels, serving in leadership capacities, with the goal of bringing about awareness and funding for research, and ultimately a cure, and she was always willing to educate others and assist those diagnosed with the disorder to find resources and support; and

**WHEREAS**, well-known for her willingness to go above and beyond, for opening her home for gatherings and feasts, and her landscaping talents, Ms. Pollyea will forever be remembered for her deep love for her husband, family, many dear friends, and community, as someone who could be relied on, and for her passion, commitment, advocacy and service to others; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby urge all citizens to join me in publicly expressing sorrow and heartfelt appreciation to the Victoria Jane Pollyea Family, her beloved husband Archie, sister Lisa, stepson Brock, and other family members, and to express our hopes that they will take solace in their many cherished memories and the considerable impact of her life on our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

*Jane Castor*  
Mayor