

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in February of 1950 in Tampa, Florida, **New Hope Missionary Baptist Church** began worshiping in the home of Mrs. Rozelia Davis under the leadership of the late Reverend J.G. Washington; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, a church was built on 4th Avenue, with the late Reverend John Willis serving as New Hope Missionary Baptist Church's Pastor, and as the church grew, members planned for the future by buying land at 3005 East Ellicott Street, and on June 10, 1979, the congregation proudly entered the new building along with Pastor John Willis, who served with excellence for over thirty years, and his accomplishments included tremendous growth and paying off the church mortgage within a five years; and

WHEREAS, in September 1995, the Reverend Dr. T.W. Jenkins accepted leadership of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church as Pastor, instilling his motto *Faithful and Fearless*, and during his twenty years of dedication, the church prospered and significant improvements were made including acquiring property and constructing the Christian Life Center - *Built to Serve: Church and Community*, a facility that houses offices, a conference room, classrooms, a baptism pool, a stage and banquet area, kitchen and café, and during his tenure he endeared himself to the congregation and the Tampa community, and after his retirement September 30, 2015, Pastor Jenkins continues to provide inspiration and guidance; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2005, the church was incorporated as New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Hillsborough County, Inc., and its mission is to remain a bright light in the Tampa community, drawing men, women and children from all walks of life to Jesus Christ and to teach all people to live a life pleasing to God, and through its ministries, makes an impact locally and globally including in Gambia, West Africa, Haiti, and Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate the devoted members of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church on this **70th Anniversary** celebrated on Sunday, February 9, 2020 with the theme ***God's Amazing Grace Has Brought Us Three Score and Ten Years. His Amazing Grace Will Lead Us Through 2020 and Beyond***, and the special day features guest speaker Reverend Dr. Edward L. Quarry, Jr., 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 Sunday, February 9, 2020 as

"NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH DAY"

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 throughout the years, and congratulating them on this special milestone anniversary.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 31st day of January, 2020.



Jane Castor

Mayor