

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, established on March 12, 1912 by Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia, the **Girls Scouts of the United States of America** (GSUSA), known as the Girl Scouts, was founded with the vision of preparing girls to meet their world with courage, confidence, and character, and to offer the opportunity for them to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually; and

WHEREAS, beginning with thirteen girls 108 years ago, the Girl Scout organization has grown to include more than 50 million alumnae and 2.5 million active girls and adult volunteers throughout the United States, and it is the largest member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, a global movement comprised of more than 10 million girls and adults in 146 countries worldwide, and in 2000, the GSUSA founded the internationally known Girl Scout Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, through award winning initiatives such as the *Girl Scout Leadership Program* which helps girls discover themselves and their values, connect with others and make the world a better place; the *Girl Scout Gold Award*, the highest honor earned through a program requiring projects undertaken and led by the individual with measurable and sustainable differences within their communities; and core programs centered around Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), environmental stewardship, healthy living, financial literacy, and global citizenship; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida (GSWCF) strive to make a difference in the quality of life for girls in the Florida counties of Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sumter, and help them build strong leadership skills, self-confidence, and provide the tools necessary for successful and happy futures; and

WHEREAS, Girls Scout Week is held annually in March, and established to recognize the Girl Scouts as groundbreakers, big thinkers, and role models, and this year it is held during the week of March 8-14, 2020, and the occasion is an opportunity to celebrate the **108th Anniversary** of the Girl Scout sisterhood, and bring awareness to the community of its rich history, traditions, accomplishments, and the positive impact it has made in the lives of girls throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of March 8-14, 2020 as

“GIRL SCOUT WEEK”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in saluting the Girl Scouts of the United States and its many volunteers for the commitment made to the girls of our communities, and in congratulating them for all they have contributed to our nation for over a century.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 8th day of March, 2020.



Jane Castor

Mayor