

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, water is one of Tampa, Florida's most valuable natural resources, and a basic and essential element of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the health, comfort, safety, and economic vitality of the Tampa community and its citizens depend on a readily available supply of safe, high-quality potable water, and our tap water delivers public health and fire protection, and it supports our economy and the quality of life for our area; and

**WHEREAS**, any measure of a successful society – low mortality rates, economic growth and diversity, productivity, and public safety – is greatly influenced by its access to safe drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, many dedicated men and women have made, and continue to make significant contributions to the development, operation, and daily maintenance of our public water systems including the City of Tampa Water Department, and it has greatly benefited all members of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, we are all charged with being stewards of the water infrastructure upon which future generations will depend on to receive clean drinking water, and it is important to remember the value of our water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa encourages each citizen to help join in the efforts to help protect our source waters that includes the Hillsborough River from pollution, to practice water conservation, and to get involved in local water issues by understanding our region's surface water, groundwater, and alternative water sources.

**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 May 3-9, 2020 as

## ***"DRINKING WATER WEEK"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens help to protect our water sources from trash and polluted runoff, practice water conservation, encourage the use of reclaimed water as a supplement to drinking water resources, and support the efforts of the individuals who are dedicated to ensuring our city's growing water needs will be met in the safest, most efficient, and expeditious manner.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor