

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, many thousands of veterans of America's armed forces have served this nation in times of both peace and war, and in doing so have thereby assured the safety and prosperity of all her people; and

**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate our freedom, we should also remember this as a gift of life given to each of us by the men and women who bravely served their country and by those who gave their lives in battle; and

**WHEREAS**, this commemoration of the ultimate sacrifice many brave servicemen and servicewomen have made for our country, where some gave all, and all gave some, is a constant reminder of the price paid for freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, lest we forget, our inspiration can be found in the solemn inscription engraved on a monument at Arlington National Cemetery, "**Not For Fame Or Reward - Not For Place Or Rank – Not Lured By Ambition Or Goaded By Necessity – But In Simple Obedience To Duty As They Understood It – These Men Suffered All Sacrificed All Dared All –And Died;**" and

**WHEREAS**, The American Legion, chartered by the United States Congress in September 1919, is a patriotic veteran's organization, and its mission includes remembering the significance of the cost soldiers have come to bear to preserve our way of life and is dedicated to upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy in the United States, and in 1922, **The American Legion Cemetery** was founded in Tampa, Florida by the Auxiliary of the U.S.S. Tampa Post 5, and it serves as Hillsborough County's only cemetery for our veterans and the only privately owned veteran's cemetery in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 100 years, The American Legion Cemetery Corporation and the U.S.S. Tampa Post 5 have observed Memorial Day in The American Legion Cemetery to honor the memory of our nation's servicemen and servicewomen who ensured our liberties by their sacrifices, and on Monday, May 25, 2026, the **104<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Ceremony** will include the placement of wreaths by those in attendance in honor of those who served and gave their lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby recognize and commend all American Veterans, especially those from our community, and do hereby proclaim Monday, May 25, 2026, as

## **"THE AMERICAN LEGION CEMETERY DAY"**

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join with The American Legion U.S.S. Tampa Post 5 on Memorial Day to pay tribute to those who have served our country and take the opportunity to thank the organization for their dedication and congratulate them on their 104th Anniversary milestone.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.



*Jane Castor*  
Mayor