

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, children are our nation's most precious resource and they are our future leaders, entrepreneurs, professionals, scientists, teachers, medical experts, artists, and spiritual guides, and it is vital that we protect them and keep them safe, and become aware of how injuries and death of children can be prevented; and

**WHEREAS**, car crashes are a leading cause of death for children ages one to thirteen, and often injuries and death could have been prevented with the proper use of seat belts, and booster and car seats specifically designed to protect the very young; and

**WHEREAS**, it only takes a few minutes for a car to heat up to deadly measures, and since 1990, over 900 children have died from heatstroke as a result of being left in a hot vehicle, with 87 percent of them age three and under, many simply forgotten they were there, and sadly discovered too late; and

**WHEREAS**, an initiative by the National Safety Council's (NSC) Child Passenger Safety Board, **National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Month** was established to bring attention to the public about preventable injuries and death of children by using important safety measures including securing children properly with certified restraints, and always making sure no child has been left behind; and

**WHEREAS**, Safe Kids Greater Tampa, led by St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, and a coalition of various agencies working together to promote safety and prevention education, is recognizing National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Month during September 2019 by promoting child passenger safety and heatstroke awareness throughout the Tampa, Florida community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as

## ***"NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in supporting the efforts of Safe Kids Greater Tampa in this important awareness initiative, and in being vigilant by driving cautiously, securing children properly in vehicles, and to always be sure no child is left behind.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor