

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Sant' Yago, the famous order to which the Brotherhood of the "Caballeros" of the Royal Order of St. James is dedicated, played a powerful role in the history of Spain; and

WHEREAS, just as this order in Spain contributed to the growth and prosperity of that country, the **Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago** in Tampa, Florida has dedicated itself to the perpetuation and enhancement of their proud Latin heritage and to the continued improvement of life and cultural progress in our city; and

WHEREAS, when chartered in 1972, the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago had a charter membership of 75, and held its first Coronation in January of 1973, and today, the organization boasts a full membership of 250 and is represented each year by an El Rey (King) and his La Reina (Queen) and her Royal Court of Ladies in Waiting, Courtesans, Pages, Attendants, a Royal Sword Bearer, and Las Damas, the Ladies Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to share their rich heritage and important history, the organization annually sponsors the ***Sant' Yago Illuminated Knight Parade*** in Historic Ybor City, this year held on February 8, 2020, and it is a valuable part of our city's Gasparilla festivities, and throughout the year, the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago members participate in other cultural and community affairs and they have been instrumental in providing for the needy, mentoring entrepreneurs, supporting the local economy, and assisting students; and

WHEREAS, created in 1994, the **Education Foundation of the Knights of Sant' Yago's** mission is supporting college scholarships and other educational enhancements for qualified Latino students at higher educational institutions in the state of Florida and is known for its community based philanthropic history, contributing in excess of one million dollars through scholarships, endowments and matching funds, and annually the organization hosts its ***Sant' Yago Education Foundation Proclamation Dinner***, this year held on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at Centro Asturiano de Tampa in historic Ybor City; and

WHEREAS, as did the original order in Spain several hundred years ago, the members of the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago in Tampa have built closeness and fellowship, and have enhanced our entire community with its spirit and dedication to preserving our city's rich history, heritage and culture.

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 February 1-8, 2020 as

"KREWE OF THE KNIGHTS OF SANT' YAGO WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in celebration of this event honoring our unique Latin cultures.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 30th day of January, 2020.



Jane Castor

Mayor