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Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the profession of Enrolled Agent (EA) was established with the Enabling Act of 1884, also known as the Horse Act of 1884, when the United States Congress acted to regulate persons who represented citizens with the United States Treasury Department following questionable claims filed for Civil War losses; and

WHEREAS, Enrolled Agents are federally authorized tax practitioners and advisors, credentialed by the Secretary of the Treasury to assist taxpayers with federal tax returns, audits, liens, levies, appeals and collections, and they represent the individuals before the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for tax issues; and

WHEREAS, Enrolled Agents are experts in the field of taxation who ensure compliance, accuracy and timeliness, and their designation is the highest credential that the IRS awards, and Enrolled Agents must adhere to a high set of standards; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA) was established in 1972, and it currently has a membership of approximately 11,000 throughout the United States who are dedicated to maintaining the highest professional standards and to increasing the integrity of the tax administration system; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Society of Enrolled Agents (FSEA) is an affiliate of NAEA and the organization's mission is to advance the recognition of Enrolled Agents throughout the state of Florida, including the Suncoast Chapter representing the Tampa Bay region, to enhance the professional growth of its members by providing quality education, and to advocate for taxpayers rights; and

WHEREAS, to bring awareness about the profession and the integrity, knowledge and valuable service Enrolled Agents bring to the American public, the National Association of Enrolled Agents established the first week in February as *National Enrolled Agents Week*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 2-8, 2020 as

"NATIONAL ENROLLED AGENTS WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to become aware of the services provided by Enrolled Agents, and thank them for their dedication to their professional and to the public they serve.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of January, 2020.

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