

City of Tarpon Springs, Florida

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, and His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta, will be celebrating the Feast Day of Epiphany; and

Whereas, The City of Tarpon Springs welcomes honored guest; Consulate General of Greece Dimitrios Sparos; and

Whereas, The City of Tarpon Springs has been identified by history and tradition as the city in the United States with the longest consecutive celebration of the Feast Day of Epiphany and home to the oldest and largest celebration in the United States; and

Whereas, The City of Tarpon Springs has been internationally known and officially designated as **Epiphany City**; and

Whereas, The City of Tarpon Springs is home to Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral (Patron Saint to spongers, shrimping and fishing seaman); and

Whereas, The Feast Day of Epiphany is steadfast and true to the belief and customs rich in tradition and cultural of the Orthodox Christian Faith; and

Whereas, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America and His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios of Atlanta have bestowed special honor on the City of Tarpon Springs and Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Cathedral for their participation on this special occasion of the Feast Day of Epiphany.

Now Therefore, I, Chris Alahouzos, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tarpon Springs do hereby proclaim January 6, 2019 as a celebration of the

113th Anniversary of the Feast Day of Epiphany

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, to be affixed this 11th day of December, 2018.

City Clerk & Collector

Mayor