

Proclamation

City of Tarpon Springs, Florida

WHEREAS, the 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion was under the Supreme Commander, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and General Omar Bradley, who was the first Army General of which the 612th was a part; and

WHEREAS, the 612th fought in the Battle of the Bulge and three Soldiers from Tarpon Springs were in Company A, namely: George Karaphillis, Mike Koulianos, and Tony Renardo; and

WHEREAS, these men sacrificed their lives to defend rights and freedoms of our Country and others; and in our Community, we have three men who participated in the Battle of the Bulge and the late Edward C. Sapp, who has been permanently honored on the Tarpon Springs War Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Tarpon Springs is honored to host the 41st Reunion of the 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion, which started in 1954, and has been held every four years; and

WHEREAS, France and Belgium have honored the 612th Tank Destroyer Battalion with two service citations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANITA E. PROTOS, by virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tarpon Springs, do hereby proclaim August 5, 6, 7, as

THE 612TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION DAYS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, to be affixed this 6th day of August, 1994.

ATTEST

Kathryn M. Alesafis
CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR



Anita E. Protos
MAYOR