

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. **Tampa Police Chief Brian J. Dugan**, valued public servant and community leader is one such person; and

WHEREAS, Chief Dugan prepared himself for a stellar career in law enforcement and public service through his extensive education including receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from West Liberty University, Master of Public Administration from Troy State University, and he was a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Command Officers Development Course, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Executive Institute, Leadership Tampa and he attended the Senior Management Institute for Police; he is a member of the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives, National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Police Executive Research Forum; and

WHEREAS, Chief Dugan began his tenure with the Tampa Police Department (TPD) in 1990, and he excelled in all divisions including with the North Tampa District, Criminal Intelligence Bureau (CIB), Street Anti-Crime Unit, Quick Uniform Attack on Drugs Squad (QUAD), Internal Affairs Bureau, Mayor's Security Detail, Field Training Officer and Assistant Chief, and his strong leadership and unwavering dedication led to his appointment as Tampa's Chief of Police by then Mayor Bob Buckhorn in 2017; and

WHEREAS, under Chief Dugan's leadership, crime numbers in Tampa are down, and he is well-known for his innovated approaches including team and relationship building resulting in TPD officers and staff working side-by-side with citizens to solve and prevent crime, and his many achievements include implementing a *Community Investment Grant Program* utilizing drug forfeiture funds to provide local non-profits with capital to address community needs, and the podcast "*Role Call with Chief Brian Dugan*" whereby he and a featured guest educate listeners on the parallels between community service and police work, and through the *Tampa Police Department's Citizens Academy*, individuals learn first-hand the many aspects of law enforcement, he implemented body-worn cameras, and he recently initiated the hiring of mental health counselors to partner with Tampa Police Officers to better serve the community during crisis-related calls; and

WHEREAS, Chief Dugan has been the solid, reassuring face of the Tampa Police Department during major events that required balance and open communication within the community to protect citizens, visitors and property including NFL Super Bowls, NHL Stanley Cup wins, pursuing and capturing a serial killer, passionate free speech events, and more, and he leaves a legacy of serving and protecting our community and strengthening its relationship with law enforcement, improving the Tampa Police Department's transparency and elevating its national reputation as a top law enforcement organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 8, 2021 as

"CHIEF BRIAN J. DUGAN DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking him for his many contributions and his commitment to serving and protecting the Tampa Bay community over the years, and in wishing him continued success and happiness in his retirement.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 8th day of September, 2021.



Mayor

