

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, founded on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, **Alpha Phi Alpha (ΑΦΑ) Fraternity, Inc.** was the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans, and its mission is to develop leaders, promote brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Gamma Zeta Lambda Tampa Alumni Chapter** of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was chartered on March 21, 1945 in the city of Tampa, Florida with a mission to uplift humanity by providing opportunity through education, community development, and social awareness, and it supports the national fraternity's traditions, objectives, and vision, and for over seven decades has provided valuable service to the Tampa Bay community; and

**WHEREAS**, Gamma Zeta Lambda with its motto *Service, Reclamation, and Capitalization*, established **GZL Educational Foundation, Inc.** in 2004 to focus on providing education and training services to improve the quality of life and living conditions for those in the Tampa community, and it accomplishes this objective through programs including the *Men of Tomorrow* mentoring and scholarship programs, *Brother's Keeper*, a service program, *College Life to Corporate Life Initiative*, and *Project Alpha*, a partnership program with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBS); and

**WHEREAS**, since 2004, the GZL Educational Foundation, Inc. has awarded over \$80,000 in scholarships, grants, academic awards, and stipends for students, and the organization is involved with facilitating various workshops and college tours, and is dedicated to empowering the next generation today and developing the leaders of tomorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, annually, the Gamma Zeta Lambda Chapter and GZL Educational Foundation, Inc. host a **Black and Gold Scholarship Banquet and Ball** for an evening of recognition, encouragement, entertainment, dinner, and dancing with the proceeds helping to fund the Men of Tomorrow programs, and this year, on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC in Tampa, Florida, the event celebrates **75 Years of Service** to the community and provides the opportunity for members and guests to reflect on all that has been accomplished over the years and to plan for the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 4, 2021 as

## **“GAMMA ZETA LAMBDA TAMPA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.’S BLACK & GOLD SCHOLARSHIP BALL DAY”**

in the city of Tampa and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Gamma Zeta Lambda Tampa Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for their support and dedication to the citizens and youth of our community and wishing them continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor