

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (ΩΨΦ), Incorporated was founded on November 17, 1911 by three undergraduate students, Edgar Amos Love, Frank Colman, Oscar James Cooper, and their faculty advisor, Dr. Ernest Everette Just on the campus of Howard University, a historically black and esteemed research institution located in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, eleven undergraduate men were selected as charter members and “*friendship is essential to the soul*” chosen as the motto with **Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance** and **Uplift** adopted as its Cardinal Principles, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was officially incorporated on October 28, 1914; and

WHEREAS, today Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has over 700 chapters throughout the United States and the world, and many notable Omega Psi Phi men are recognized as leaders in the arts, sciences, academics, athletics, business, civil rights, government, and science sectors at local, national, and international levels; and

WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is a private, nonprofit organization of college educated men and the members perform public service guided by mandated programs including Social Action Programs, High School Talent Hunts, Health Initiatives, College Education Fund contributions, Voter Education and Registration, NAACP participation, and awarding scholarships to deserving college bound students; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Pi Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi, Inc., founded in 1946, will hold its **Annual Founders’ Day Ball** at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa at the University of South Florida on Saturday, November 13, 2021, and the event will celebrate **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity’s 110th Anniversary** and the proceeds will assist the Pi Iota Education Foundation in continuing to meet its goals of working with parents, teachers and counselors to empower and support the youth in the Tampa Bay community through education, events, cultural activities and scholarships.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 17, 2021 as

“OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the organization for all it has contributed to communities both locally, nationally and globally, in congratulating Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on its milestone 110th Anniversary and the Pi Iota Chapter on its 75th Anniversary, and in wishing them continued success in the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, on this 13th day of November, 2021.



Jane Castor

Mayor