

# Proclamation

The seal of the City of Tampa, Florida, is centered below the word "Proclamation". It features a circular design with a ship on the water, surrounded by the text "CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA" and "ORGANIZED JULY 15, 1887". The seal is flanked by decorative flourishes.

*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the **Tampa Organization of Black Affairs** (TOBA), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, was created in 1979 by Robert Morrison, David McQuay and Delano S. Stewart to address political, educational, social, and economic development concerns in the Tampa, Florida African American community in a meaningful manner, and the vision and mission of inspiring, empowering and preparing new generations of leaders was set forth; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating its 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, TOBA has been dedicated to its goals and is a catalyst for leadership within the business community through the promotion of minority economic development by supporting increased African American business ownership, opportunities for advancement in the workplace, and awareness by the African American consumer; and

**WHEREAS**, these goals also include promoting political education, voter registration and participation, the encouragement of minority individuals to seek elected and appointed public positions, and youth development by encouragement and supporting academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, TOBA continues to pursue its mission and goals through community involvement and collaboration with other organizations as well as programming to develop youth leadership, community service projects, advocating for minority and disadvantaged business, education equality, and promoting community enhancement initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, on Monday, January 17, 2022, the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs will host its **42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Breakfast** held at the Tampa Marriott Water Street featuring the theme ***Continuing the March from Dream to Reality***, and the event will foster positive community relations, recognize corporations and individuals for their positive contributions to the community, and features special guest speaker ***Reverend Emanuel Cleaver, II***, a Congressman in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District who previously served as a City Councilman in Kansas City before being elected as the first African American Mayor for the city.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 17, 2022 as

## **"TAMPA ORGANIZATION OF BLACK AFFAIRS DAY"**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking TOBA for contributions to our community, congratulating them on this 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, and wishing them success in their continued efforts to build upon the rich heritage, traditions, and mission of this valued organization.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor