

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa, Florida takes pride in recognizing the rich history of Ybor City, founded in 1886 by businessman Vincent Martinez Ybor and its meaningfulness as Tampa's National Historic Landmark District as designated by the National Parks Service (NPS) in 1974, with its 950 buildings and structures deemed historically significant; and

**WHEREAS**, the area centered on Ybor City's Seventh Avenue business district is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, where it is noted that Ybor City contains the largest collection of buildings related to the cigar industry in the United States and possibly the world, where the architectural styles and elements include hundreds of cigar factories and housing for the workers called casitas, commercial buildings, and ethnic clubs organized by the immigrants such as Italians, Germans, Cubans, and Spaniards, and it created a unique landscape and ambience throughout its history and are representative of Tampa's cultural diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, many of Ybor City's iconic buildings and homes were designed by noted architects and built by skilled masons and craftsmen including contractor G.A. Miller who helped create the beautiful brick Wolfson Building located at 1621-1625 Seventh Avenue and established in early 1922 by its owners Adam and Eva Wolfson; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfson built the one story **Wolfson Building** to house its successful trimming shop business that included various fabrics and sewing notions, and where it is now currently home to the Buffalo Wild Wings Restaurant and where it retains its brick façade and historical presence, and it is a reminder of the early days of entrepreneurship and the contributions businesses and visionaries made to the district's development and uniqueness, now globally known for its rich history, abundance of culture, and beautiful style and architecture; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting to acknowledge the early buildings of Historic Ybor City including the Wolfson Building currently celebrating its **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, and the personality they instilled into the community, and pay tribute to those who established them, and to those who currently inhabited them and maintain their beauty, uniqueness, and significance.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 18, 2022 as

## ***"THE WOLFSON BUILDING CENTENNIAL DAY"***

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join in me in recognizing the importance that Ybor City's buildings and architectural elements have played in creating the district's character and in congratulating the Wolfson Family on this 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their ancestors' contributions to our city and its valued history.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor