

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, established in 1983, the **City of Tampa Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council** (MHAC) is a group of dedicated Hispanic individuals who are appointed by the Mayor to serve as a liaison between City government and the Hispanic community, and are a forum for those who need to voice their concerns to community leaders and City officials, and they accomplish their goals and objectives through programs, projects and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, an annual City of Tampa Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council event, the ***Latinos Unidos Luncheon*** showcases the growing presence and economic impact of Latinos in our city, state and nation, and celebrates enhancements Hispanics have made to our way of life in science, technology, government, business, education, the arts and in so many other important areas, and proceeds from the event have assisted Hispanic students in financial need over the years through scholarship endowments totaling \$1,072,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mayor's Latinos Unidos Luncheon on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, highlights special keynote speaker **Elias Torres**, Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer with Drift, a conversational marketing and sales technology organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the late Matilda Martinez Garcia (1919-2016) was a charter member of the City of Tampa Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council who had served since its founding, and the organization established the ***Matilda Martinez Garcia Leadership Award*** in honor of her over three decades of dedication and service, and it is awarded at the luncheon to an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the Hispanic community and the people of Tampa; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, the *2022 Matilda Martinez Garcia Leadership Award* is presented to the late **Dr. Anh-Kay Pizano Rey, Ph.D** (1976-2022) posthumously, in recognition of her life-long legacy and advocacy for education, especially disadvantaged and minority students that included raising scholarship funds, for her resilience, collaborative style, opening doors of opportunity for others, her outreach health initiatives, and her leadership, dedication and efforts with the MHAC including co-chairing this 23<sup>rd</sup> Latinos Unidos Luncheon event. Dr. Pizano was well-known for leading by example and serving as an inspiration, willingness and drive to mentor and elevate others, and for making an impactful difference the community in so many capacities.

**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, May 11, 2022 as

## ***"LATINOS UNIDOS DAY"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, in honor of the Hispanic community's commitment to excellence, and ask that all citizens of Tampa support this occasion and offer condolences to the Dr. Anh-Kay Pizano Rey family and congratulate them on her well-deserved recognition.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor