

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma (ΦΒΣ) Fraternity, Inc. was founded on January 9, 1914, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., and its three founding members established the ideals of the organization including – *Brotherhood, Scholarship, and Service*, and they were dedicated to creating a brotherhood devoted to the “inclusive we” rather than the “exclusive we” and developing a membership that was committed to serving as a “a part of” and not “apart from” the general community; and

WHEREAS, for well over a century, Phi Beta Sigma has been devoted to its motto of “*Culture For Service and Service For Humanity*” and they have grown over the years to include an international organization of leaders, and have established the Phi Beta Sigma National Foundation, the Phi Beta Sigma Federal Credit Union, the Sigma Beta Club Foundation, and assisted in founding its sister organization of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. has approximately 200,000 college-educated members in 700 chapters globally, including locally, the active and impactful Gamma Eta Sigma (ΓΗΣ) Tampa Alumni Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Eta Sigma Tampa Alumni Chapter (Tampa Sigmas) has been a part of Tampa’s success and has elevated the quality of life for the community since it was established in 1936, and it continues to be dedicated to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity’s founding principles, and its members have held state and regional leadership roles, participated in national programs including Bigger and Better Business, Education, Social Action, and the Sigma Beta Clubs that mentor young men, and in 2009, Gamma Eta Sigma was voted the *International Alumni Chapter of the Year – Level 1 Chapter*, and they have earned other state, regional and international awards over the years; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Sigmas chartered two local collegiate chapters – Alpha Beta Gamma at the University of Tampa and Zeta Xi at the University of South Florida, and it participates in community, health and civic organizations including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the National Urban League, the American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Boy Scouts of America, and the Thurgood Marshall College Fund; and

WHEREAS, the is hosting its signature **7th Annual Blue Tie Affair Scholarship Fundraising Banquet** at the TPepin’s Hospitality Centre on Sunday, August 14, 2022, and with the theme *Honoring Our Legacy*, the evening will include recognizing community leaders who have made a difference through their dedication and actions, and the awarding of several scholarships to well-deserving college students.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 14, 2022, as

“GAMMA ETA SIGMA TAMPA ALUMNI CHAPTER OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the contributions Phi Beta Sigma and the Gamma Eta Sigma Tampa Alumni Chapter members have made to our community, our nation, and around the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15th day of July 2022.



Jane Castor

Mayor