

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, Gemütlichkeit is a German-language word known globally for conveying friendliness, good cheer, a sense of belonging and well-being, and it is celebrated with public festivity with a mixture of music, food, and drink; and

**WHEREAS**, in Tampa, Florida, following the tradition of the festival of Gemütlichkeit, the annual **Oktoberfest Tampa** is a popular event established in 2010, by Nicol Winkler and Adam Lenfest with the mission of celebrating the rich culture of the Tampa Bay community; and

**WHEREAS**, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual **Oktoberfest Tampa** held October 7-9, 2022, will transform Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park into the city's largest Biergarten (beer garden) along the iconic Tampa Riverwalk; and

**WHEREAS**, Oktoberfest Tampa will include traditional Schuplattler dances, live music, attendees wearing traditional dirndl dresses and lederhosen, and features the region's largest Beard and Mustache and Mr. & Mrs. Oktoberfest competitions, prize winning Outrageous Bavarian Games including Stein Hoisting, Keg Stacking, Tug-O-War, and much more; and

**WHEREAS**, Oktoberfest Tampa once again features its signature beer, the *Oktoberfest Tampa Dunkel*, a dark German lager brewed by Green Bench Brewing, and a variety of other traditional beers including German Pilsner and a Märzen lager; and

**WHEREAS**, this exciting Oktoberfest Tampa event is free for the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces and City of Tampa's First Responders, and it supports the *Are You Safe* nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide legal and social services to victims of domestic violence and to promote awareness and education within the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 7-9, 2022, as

## "OKTOBERFEST TAMPA"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join in the festivities that celebrates Tampa's diversity, culture, and community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2022.



*Jane Castor*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor