

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 12th 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 22nd day of September 2022.



Jane Castor
Mayor