

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 34 million Americans including 9 million children live each day with hunger, and they require resources for food assistance each month; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity can be defined as the state of being without reliable access to enough affordable, nutritious food, and it impacts individuals and families across the nation and within our own community; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay region is fortunate to have organizations dedicated to ensuring the hungry in our community are provided with meals, fresh produce, access to pantries, and other means that provide food to those who suffer from hunger, and they accomplish this through food collection and distribution, food kitchens, shelters, and other programs that feed those less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, the One Heart for Women and Children fights food insecurity daily by providing support, assistance, and hope to those in the community experiencing difficulties, and its mission includes providing necessary resources for struggling families as they transition through and overcome the hardships of daily life; and

WHEREAS, One Heart for Women and Children's **Feed-A-Palooza** event will benefit those in the Tampa Bay area on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at Raymond James Stadium when they unite the community and join with volunteers and partners in providing fresh produce and other nutritious food directly to families in need.

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, November 16, 2022, as

"FEED-A-PALOOZA DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in thanking organizations such as One Heart for Women and Children and the many generous donors and volunteers for their efforts in ensuring our citizens receive adequate and nutritious food.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of October 2022.



Jane Castor

Mayor