

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, **Alpha Phi Alpha (ΑΦΑ) Fraternity, Inc.** was the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans, and its mission is to develop leaders, promote brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities; and

WHEREAS, the **Gamma Zeta Lambda Tampa Alumni Chapter** of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was chartered on March 21, 1945 in the city of Tampa, Florida with a mission to uplift humanity by providing opportunity through education, community development, and social awareness, and it supports the national fraternity's traditions, objectives, and vision, and for nearly eight decades has provided valuable service to the Tampa Bay community; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Zeta Lambda established **GZL Educational Foundation, Inc.** in 2004 to focus on providing education and training services to improve the quality of life and living conditions for those in the Tampa community, and it accomplishes this through programs including the **Men of Tomorrow**, a mentoring program for high school students, **Brother's Keeper**, a service program, **College Life to Corporate Life Initiative**, and **Project Alpha**, a partnership program with the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation; and

WHEREAS, since 2004, the GZL Educational Foundation, Inc. has awarded over \$110,000 in scholarships, grants, academic awards, and stipends for students, and the organization is involved with facilitating various workshops and college tours, and the foundation is committed to *Empowering the Next Generation: Developing Leaders of Tomorrow*; and

WHEREAS, annually, the Gamma Zeta Lambda Chapter and GZL Educational Foundation, Inc. host a **Black and Gold Scholarship Banquet and Ball** for an evening of recognition, encouragement, entertainment, dinner, and dancing with the proceeds helping to fund the Men of Tomorrow program and scholarships, and this year, on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at the Venetian Event Center in Tampa, Florida, the event features a special table representing the seven founders of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity – and the dream of community service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 3, 2022 as

“GAMMA ZETA LAMBDA TAMPA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.’S BLACK & GOLD SCHOLARSHIP BALL DAY”

in the city of Tampa and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Gamma Zeta Lambda Tampa Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for their support and dedication to the citizens and youth of our community and wishing them continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28th day of November, 2022.



Jane Castor

Mayor