

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the **Tampa Organization of Black Affairs** (TOBA), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, was created in 1979 by Robert Morrison, David McQuay, and Delano S. Stewart to address political, educational, social, and economic development concerns in the Tampa, Florida African American community in a meaningful manner, and the vision and mission of inspiring, empowering, and preparing new generations of leaders was set forth; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating its 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary this year, TOBA has been dedicated to its goals and is a catalyst for leadership within the business community through the promotion of minority economic development by supporting increased African American business ownership, opportunities for advancement in the workplace, and awareness by the African American consumer; and

**WHEREAS**, these goals also include promoting political education, voter registration and participation, the encouragement of minority individuals to seek elected and appointed public positions, and youth development by encouragement and supporting academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, TOBA continues to pursue its mission and goals through community involvement and collaboration with other organizations as well as programming to develop youth leadership, community service projects, advocating for minority and disadvantaged business, education equality, and promoting community enhancement initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, on Monday, January 16, 2023, the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs will host its **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Breakfast** held at the JW Marriott Tampa Water Street hotel featuring the theme *Dream Like King*, and the event will foster positive community relations, recognize corporations and individuals for their positive contributions to the community, and features special guest speaker *Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis, JD, EdD*, highly respected 14<sup>th</sup> President and CEO of Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina and the first woman appointed to this leadership position.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 16, 2023, as

## **“TAMPA ORGANIZATION OF BLACK AFFAIRS DAY”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking TOBA for its contributions to our community, congratulating them on this 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, and wishing them success in their continued efforts to build upon the rich heritage, traditions, and mission of this valued organization.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor