

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, it is vital that individuals around the United States and globally demonstrate concern for the world's environment and participate in improving the health of the earth, and since 1970, Earth Month has been recognized each April annually worldwide, with Earth Day celebrated each April 22nd to bring awareness about nature, ecology, and environmental concerns, and the 2023 Earth Month and Earth Day theme is *Invest in Our Planet*, and

WHEREAS, the planet is increasingly endangered, threatened by global warming, tropical deforestation, and ground, air, and water pollution, requiring action by all sectors of society; and

WHEREAS, there are many opportunities for individuals, organizations, corporations, and governments to unite and make the environment a priority, create a global green economy, and educate communities on important issues including land, water, and energy conservation, the value of mass transportation, wildlife appreciation, and promoting the greenways, blueways, and park systems so essential to everyone's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, locally, in celebration of Earth Day, Learning Gate Community School and the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) are hosting the **13th Annual EcoFest** on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at MOSI in Tampa, Florida, to bring awareness to all citizens on the importance of acting in an environmentally sensitive manner, and to celebrate the many businesses, organizations, and individuals in the Tampa Bay area dedicated to the principles of Sustainability, Ecology, Equity, and Economy; and

WHEREAS, a free family-friendly event made possible by generous supporters and sponsors, EcoFest includes local vendors, food trucks, demonstrations, a variety of green businesses, environmental organizations, alternative health practitioners, renewable energy specialists, and organic farms and gardens with produce.

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, April 22, 2023, as

"ECOFEST: EARTH DAY TAMPA BAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in pledging to do our utmost to save the planet and our community through environmental awareness, advocacy, and practices.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of April 2023.



Jane Castor

Mayor