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Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, this year marks the 33rd Anniversary of the Hispanic Professional Women's Association (HPWA) founded in Tampa, Florida, in May 1990 by a group of dedicated and successful Hispanic women; and

WHEREAS, for over three decades, the Hispanic Professional Women's Association has been committed to its mission of enhancing the image of professional Hispanic women and promoting the value of higher education; and

WHEREAS, in support of its mission, the goals of the Hispanic Professional Women's Association are to develop educational opportunities for Hispanic women that foster professional and personal growth, provide mentoring and financial scholarships to qualified female Hispanic students in the Tampa Bay region and create awareness about important issues that relate to the Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hispanic Professional Women's Association and guest join annually for the *Gala and Scholarship Awards Ceremony* to celebrate its accomplishments and the difference it has made in the Tampa Bay community, and the impact its educational initiatives and scholarships have made in many Hispanic women's lives since the organization was established thirty-three years ago; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Hispanic Professional Women's Association's Scholarship Awards Gala is held on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at the Bryan Glazer Family Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Tampa, Florida.

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, May 20, 2023, as

"HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to recognize the many contributions and the ongoing dedication of the members of the Hispanic Professional Women's Association toward a better future for our citizens.

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Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20th day of April, 2023.