

# Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, an international organization, **Beta Sigma Phi (ΒΣΦ) Sorority** was founded on April 30, 1931, in Abilene, Kansas by Walter W. Ross as a social sorority instituted for the social, cultural, and civic development of its members, and is known as *The Friendship Organization* because of the diverse ages and educational backgrounds of its members; and

**WHEREAS**, for over nine decades, Beta Sigma Phi has grown to over 150,000 members representing more than ten countries around the world, and there are more than 250 chapters in the state of Florida including several locally in Tampa; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beta Sigma Phi symbol is the Torch, signature flower is the yellow rose, official colors are Black and Gold, and the motto of the organization is ***Life*** (Beta), ***Learning*** (Sigma), and ***Friendship*** (Phi); and

**WHEREAS**, Beta Sigma Phi is comprised of women working for nearly every known charitable, health, and cultural organization, raising money, and donating time and effort to those in need, locally and internationally, and members are encouraged to grow personally, while also participating in the growth of others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beta Sigma Phi Fund Programs, including the International Endowment, Disaster Relief, Scholarship, and Breast Cancer Research, provides for and supports, charities, organizations, members, and communities locally and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Tampa City Council of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority are hosting the **2023 Florida State Convention** on June 2-4, 2023, held at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore Hotel featuring the convention theme ***Weekend on the Orient Express***.

**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, June 3, 2023, as

## **“BETA SIGMA PHI FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION DAY”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the contributions Beta Sigma Phi and its members have made to our community, our nation, and around the world, and in wishing them continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor