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Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, **SISTUHS**, **Incorporated** was established in 1992, at Florida State University (FSU) by Dr. Jon C. Dalton as a student organization with the goal of being open to all students attending the university, particularly those interested in acquiring knowledge about women of color, their history, and enhancing the survival and well-being of those women; and

WHEREAS, for over three decades, the SISTUHS organization has grown to include eighteen collegiate and professional chapters, including locally, the Tampa Professional Chapter of SISTUHS, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the members of SISTUHS are dedicated to the organization's mission that includes improving the social disposition of underrepresented populations through community service, education, and other social services in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, SISTUHS strives to foster an environment conducive to learning about the history and role women of color have in society, develop local leadership to respond to the community needs, particularly women, and the organization is committed to practicing non-discrimination with membership applicants; and

WHEREAS, the members of SISTUHS are committed to and uphold the principles of Strength, Initiative, Spirituality, Tenacity, Health, and Substance and are dedicated to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is honored to welcome the SISTUHS, Inc. 2023 National Convention on June 22-25, 2023, held at the Sheraton Tampa Brandon Hotel, and this special event features the theme Sankofa: Honoring Our History, Perfecting Our Present, and Defining Our Future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 22, 2023, as

"SISTUHS 2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION DAY"

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

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of May 2023.

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