

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Saker Baptist College was founded in 1962 by the North American Baptist Convention (NAB) missionaries in collaboration with the Cameroon Baptist Convention, and it is a private all-girls secondary boarding school located in beautiful Limbe, Cameroon, West Central Africa; and

WHEREAS, Saker Baptist College is dedicated to its students' education and in preparing them for successful futures, and the college is proud and supportive of its alumnae and the positive impact they have made in the world as educators, medical professionals, scientists, entrepreneurs, and others who contribute to our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the **Ex-Saker Student's Association (ExSSA-USA)** was founded in 2001, and the organization consists of former students of Saker Baptist College, and its mission includes improving the lives of women and girls through education programs, mentorship opportunities, and training programs that will enable their social emancipation and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, ExSSA-USA has approximately 500 members, known as Sakerettes, within twelve chapters across the United States and its Members-At-Large (ExSSA-MAL) chapter that includes individuals from over twenty cities including Tampa, Florida, and they are dedicated to their initiatives including the Dreamers Scholarship Fund, Clean Water and Sanitation project, quality education for women and girls, and more; and

WHEREAS, to advance women, peace, and security worldwide, ExSSA-USA partners with other organizations such as the United Nations and Working Group on Women, and the second Saturday in April, the members in all ExSSA-USA chapters volunteer their services to selected charities in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, members of the ExSSA-USA are hosting its **22nd Annual Convention** at the Westin Tampa Waterside Hotel in Tampa, Florida on August 3-6, 2023, and the special week will include an opportunity for the members to honor the host city by volunteering their services and time with a local Tampa charity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 3-6, 2023, as

"EX-SAKER STUDENTS ASSOCIATION WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing ExSSA-USA for their many accomplishments and in thanking the members for their many contributions to our world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 6th day of June, 2023.



Jane Castor

Mayor