

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, homeownership is an essential part of the American Dream, and it strengthens communities economically and culturally, and it encourages residents to build roots and invest in their neighborhood, creating a sense of belonging, safety, and connection, and it is fundamental to the health and prosperity of cities in our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, homeownership not only enhances the well-being of the household and creates a source of pride and community, but often the home is the family's largest asset, providing a sound basis for long term financial security and generational wealth; and

WHEREAS, home ownership is fundamental to the health and prosperity of city of Tampa, Florida families, and it contributes greatly to the economic growth and success of our city, state, and nation, and it is an important generator of jobs, creating income and financial security; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the National Housing Act, making homeownership available to millions of American families who previously could not afford to buy their own homes, and developers, mortgage lenders, real estate professionals, non-profit housing counseling organizations, and government agencies throughout the United States work together in promoting and preserving homeownership opportunities; and

WHEREAS, currently, housing market conditions present new challenges with an ever-increasing need for affordable housing, and the City of Tampa continues to enhance its programs and initiatives to support home buyers through the Housing and Community Development Division's DARE to Own the Dream Homeownership Program, which has provided down payment and closing cost assistance amounting to over \$2,400,000 in Fiscal Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City's Housing and Community Development Division is hosting the Let's Make Home the Goal homeownership event on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at the Tampa Convention Center, providing an opportunity for all factions of the housing industry to work together to provide families with the tools and information they need to overcome barriers to homeownership, and it brings awareness about the importance for individuals and families to own their own homes for the positive aspects it creates.

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, September 9, 2023, as

“LET’S MAKE HOME THE GOAL DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to recognize the value homeownership plays in enriching the lives of residents, and the economic impact it makes within our community, and thank the organizations and agencies that support affordable housing and assist families in realizing their dream of owning their own home.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 9th day of September 2023.



Jane Castor
Mayor