

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 1998, the **Ivory Club of Tampa Bay, Inc.** is a benevolent non-profit organization of African professionals in the Tampa Bay area committed to promoting African family values; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay is to promote those family values through cultural, educational, and social services, and it accomplishes its vision through key partnerships with local educational and cultural institutions, and through the generous support of its members and sponsors; and

WHEREAS, through its many activities, the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay seeks to energize the debate about cross Atlantic partnerships and continuing dialogue with the goal of engaging the community in building enduring associations and relationships which ultimately would uplift the World African Community; and

WHEREAS, the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay's primary focus is centered around several programs including the Ivory Club Endowed Scholarship, International Exchange Program, Educational and Social Activities, Disaster Relief and Social Assistance, and its signature Annual Lecture Series and Gala; and

WHEREAS, the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay Inc. will host its **17th Annual Lecture Series and Gala** entitled ***A Corporate Paradigm for an African Renaissance*** on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at the University of South Florida's Royal Palm Ballroom, and the special event features keynote speaker Eric Chinje, CEO of Nairobi-based Africa Media Initiative (AMI) and Senior Advisor with KRL International LLC, a Washington consultancy specializing in the emerging markets, and the program proceeds will assist in funding for the organization's proposed Ivory Center and other important philanthropic initiatives.

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 16, 2023, as

"IVORY CLUB OF TAMPA BAY DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the members of this organization for their many contributions and positive impact to our city, state, nation, and globally.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of September 2023.



Jane Castor
Mayor