

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Islamic community is a vibrant part of the diverse and multiethnic society that comprises the citizens of the Tampa, Florida area and they play a significant role in the success of city and enhance our way of life through their many contributions including assisting the needy and most vulnerable in our community; and

WHEREAS, the **Tampa Bay Muslim Alliance (TBMA)**, established in 1996, represents the Tampa Bay Islamic community and its various institutions within our city, and its mission includes charitable giving, the promotion of peace, harmony, interfaith dialogue, understanding, family values, and education; and

WHEREAS, TBMA and its members support the advancement of individuals, organizations, and institutions in achieving excellence, and helps the underprivileged, underserved and the needy of the community by enabling them to achieve independence and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the organization endeavors to recognize and encourage all citizens – Muslims and non-Muslims – who strive to achieve higher goals of citizenship, and supports the advancement of civil society by promoting moral, cultural, and social values, irrespective of race, religion, color, or creed; and

WHEREAS, Tampa Bay Muslim Alliance advocates cooperation, understanding and continuous dialogue between all faiths, all races, and all ethnicities to achieve a just, peaceful, and harmonious society; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Muslim Alliance holds an annual Charity Festival for people of all faiths, genders and ages, and the organization donates generously to the underprivileged in the Tampa Bay community by providing food, clothing, toys, bicycles, medical supplies, and necessities, and this year, the **24th Annual Islamic Charity Festival** is held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Rowlett Park in the city of Tampa, Florida.

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, October 21, 2023, as

"ISLAMIC CHARITY FESTIVAL DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to thank the Tampa Bay Muslim Association for its generosity to the Tampa Bay community, congratulate the organization on its many achievements, and join in the Islamic Charity Festival activities.

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



Jane Castor
Mayor