

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. is an organization established in 1979, devoted to preserving, promoting, and celebrating Tampa's diverse Hispanic culture, and together with corporate partners, has honored those men and women who represent excellence by their outstanding achievements, endeavors, and contributions, and who help enrich the lives of other Hispanics; and

WHEREAS, Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. will celebrate its 35th Annual Hispanic Gala with the presentation of the **2023 Hispanic Woman of the Year Award** to a person chosen to be honored, a well-known individual admired and respected for her commitment to others, and who has dedicated her life to promoting and preserving the Hispanic culture and traditions through civic and community service; and

WHEREAS, this year's honoree is **Catalina Botero Lovett**, a well-respected community leader, an advocate for education, and someone dedicated to enhancing and elevating the Hispanic community in the Tampa Bay region; she is a graduate of the University of Florida and currently is a Bilingual Account Executive with Spectrum Telecommunications where her skills and talents make her a valued part of the organization and where she leads the multicultural efforts in Tampa and Orlando; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Botero Lovett is admired in the Tampa area for her commitment and tenacity, where she makes a difference, leads by example, and brings her passion to organizations that encourage success in promoting, serving, and supporting the Hispanic community both socially and professionally, including the Hispanic Professional Women's Association (HPWA) where she has served as president, is active in its Margarita Gonzalez Hispanic Professional Women's Foundation that awards scholarships, and is credited with the organization's growth, the University of South Florida (USF) Latin Community Advisory Council where she serves as vice-chair of the organization and its Latin Scholarship Program, the Colombian Student Association at USF, and in other impactful community involvement areas; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Botero Lovett is a recognized leader and someone who has made a difference in her community, and she has received honors for her accomplishments and efforts including Delta Tau Lambda Sorority's *USF Diamond Award*, the *USF 2002 Pfizer Campaign Class Winner*, Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc.'s *Leadership Class Winner*, and she has earned multiple recognitions professionally over the years, including with Spectrum Telecommunications for her contributions and achievements; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Botero Lovett consistently demonstrates her leadership and commitment to the Tampa Bay area, and she is dedicated to educating, assisting, mentoring, and guiding members of the community; she serves as an inspirational role model, and she is very deserving of being named the **2023 Hispanic Woman of the Year**.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 27, 2023, as

CATALINA BOTERO LOVETT, HISPANIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR DAY

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and call upon all residents to join me in recognizing, commending, and thanking her for all she contributes to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 27th day of October 2023.



Jane Castor

Mayor