

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the **Tampa Organization of Black Affairs** (TOBA), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, was created in 1979 by Robert Morrison, David McQuay, and Delano S. Stewart to address political, educational, social, and economic development concerns in the Tampa, Florida African American community in a meaningful manner, and the vision and mission of inspiring, empowering, and preparing new generations of leaders was set forth; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 44th Anniversary this year, TOBA has been dedicated to its goals and is a catalyst for leadership within the business community through the promotion of minority economic development by supporting increased African American business ownership, opportunities for advancement in the workplace, and awareness by the African American consumer; and

WHEREAS, these goals also include promoting political education, voter registration and participation, the encouragement of minority individuals to seek elected and appointed public positions, and youth development by encouragement and supporting academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, TOBA continues to pursue its mission and goals through local involvement and collaboration with other organizations as well as programming to develop youth leadership, service projects, advocating for minority and disadvantaged business, education equality, and promoting enhancement initiatives; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, January 15, 2024, the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs will host its **44th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Breakfast** held at the JW Marriott Tampa Water Street hotel featuring the theme **60 Years Still Rising Toward the Dream**, and the event will foster positive community relations, recognize corporations and individuals for their positive contributions, and features special guest speaker, **Dr. Cynthia Butler-McIntyre**, who is an education advocate and activist, highly respected for her many outstanding achievements, formerly serving as the 24th national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a Human Resource Director of the Jefferson Parish School System in Harvey, Louisiana where she has impacted the lives of countless youth and employees, and she was appointed by President Barack Obama as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation and much more.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 15, 2024, as

“TAMPA ORGANIZATION OF BLACK AFFAIRS DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking TOBA for its contributions to our community, congratulating them on this 44th Anniversary, and wishing them success in their continued efforts to build upon the rich heritage, traditions, and mission of this valued organization.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of January 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor