

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (ΔΣΘ), Incorporated is an organization of college-educated women who perform public service initiatives, and has grown over the years to become the largest African American Greek-lettered sorority in the world with 1,000 alumnae and collegiate chapters located throughout the United States and around the world including, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Germany, Jamaica, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the United States Virgin Islands and West Africa; and

WHEREAS, established in 1913 by twenty-two women on the Howard University Campus in Washington, D.C., the organization remains true to the Founders' vision of promoting academic excellence, providing scholarship assistance, supporting the underserved, educating, and stimulating participation in the establishment of positive public policy, and highlighting issues and providing solutions to problems in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is faithfully committed to its *Five Point Programmatic Thrust* of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness, and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement, and the organization's current National President and CEO, Elsie Cooke-Holmes is leading the charge for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to remain in the forefront of action as a voice for those in need; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Sorority began their commitment to service 111 years ago with their participation in the 1913 Women's Suffrage March on Washington, D.C., and remain active members in organizations such as the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and National Council of Negro Women (NCNW); and

WHEREAS, the members of the **Tampa Metropolitan Alumnae, Tampa Alumnae, Kappa Iota and Tau Iota Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** are actively involved in the community and on the University of South Florida and University of Tampa college campuses, providing support and volunteer services to needy families, scholarships to deserving students, advocacy and education, award-winning programs and partnerships, and as part of the national **Delta Days** program, they visit the City of Tampa annually to bring their mission to local government and allow the opportunity for interaction with elected officials to foster knowledge and understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 13, 2024, as

"DELTA DAY"

in the city of Tampa and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. on its dedication and success for over a century, and in thanking them and the Tampa Bay Chapter members for all they have contributed to our community, nation, and the world over the years.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 13th day of June 2024.



Jane Castor
Mayor