

Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, this year marks the 36th Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration and Historical Exhibit occurring throughout the month of October; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic explorers, pioneers and settlers established missions and settlements that became some of America's most important urban and cultural centers, and Hispanic men and women have played a significant role in the development and progress of the United States and helped to build our diversity and strength; and

WHEREAS, because of their energetic commitment to hard work and determination to participate fully in the American dream, Hispanic Americans provide strength, inspiration, and greatly contribute to the communities in which they live and work, and they make our nation better, stronger, and successful; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Committee (MHHC), comprised of current and retired City of Tampa employees, continues its over three decades of dedication to preserving, promoting, and educating others in our community about Hispanic culture and its rich heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Committee will come together on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at the historic Tampa Theatre to celebrate and appreciate all city employees, especially those of Hispanic descent and the organization will present their inaugural Vocational/Technical Scholarship initiative; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, the MHHC organization will feature a display of Hispanic cultural art, historical items, and information in the Mascotte Room, located in Old City Hall in downtown Tampa.

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

"HISPANIC EMPLOYEES' APPRECIATION MONTH"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to take part in the activities honoring the proud history of Hispanic people and thank the members of the City of Tampa's Hispanic Heritage Committee for their many contributions to our community.

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Dated in Tampa, Florida this 1st day of October 2024.