

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, Gemütlichkeit is a German-language word known globally for conveying friendliness, good cheer, a sense of belonging and well-being, and it is celebrated with public festivity that includes a mixture of music, food, and drink; and

**WHEREAS**, in Tampa, Florida, following the tradition of the festival of Gemütlichkeit, **Oktoberfest Tampa** is a popular event established in 2010, by Nicol Winkler and Adam Lenfest with the mission of celebrating the rich culture of the Tampa Bay community; and

**WHEREAS**, the **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest Tampa** held October 11-13, 2024, will transform Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park into the city's largest biergarten (beer garden) along the iconic Tampa Riverwalk; and

**WHEREAS**, Oktoberfest Tampa will include traditional Schuplattler dances, live music, food, attendees wearing traditional dirndl dresses and lederhosen, and features the region's largest prize winning Outrageous Bavarian Games including the Beard and Mustache and Mr. & Mrs. Oktoberfest competitions, Stein Hoisting, Keg Stacking, Tug-O-War, and much more; and

**WHEREAS**, Oktoberfest Tampa once again features its signature beer, the *Oktoberfest Tampa Dunkel*, a dark German lager brewed by Green Bench Brewing, and a variety of other traditional beers including German Pilsner and a Märzen lager; and

**WHEREAS**, this exciting Oktoberfest Tampa event is free for the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces and the Tampa Bay area's First Responders and their partner, and it supports the *Are You Safe, Inc.* nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide legal and social services to victims of domestic violence and to promote awareness and education within the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 11-13, 2024, as

## "OKTOBERFEST TAMPA"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join in the Oktoberfest Tampa festivities that celebrates our city's diversity, culture, and community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.



*Jane Castor*  
Mayor