

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud to recognize those businesses who have made a mark in our city by their economic investment and involvement in the community, and the **Donatello Italian Restaurant**, celebrating its **40th Anniversary**, is one such establishment; and

WHEREAS, established in 1984, Donatello Italian Restaurant opened in Tampa, Florida and for four decades the talented chefs and attentive staff have been committed to integrity, culinary innovation, and excellence in bringing outstanding dining experiences to consumers, contributing to the local economy, and engaging in community initiatives and encouraging employees to volunteer their time and talents to make the community a better place; and

WHEREAS, known for *Quality and Tradition in the Heart of Tampa Bay*, the owners' of Donatello Italian Restaurant, the late Guido Tiozzo, and current owner, son Gino Tiozzo offer authentic Italian cuisine derived mostly from northern Italy, and traditional dishes from Naples and the Amalfi coast, showcasing the rich flavors of Italian fare and creating a welcoming atmosphere for families, friends, and visitors alike, and has come to be a gathering place for celebrations, milestones and cherished memories; and

WHEREAS, the willingness and generosity to give back to the community that welcomed the Tiozzo family was important to them, and in 1987 they initiated a tradition that continues today, local foster children and families were invited for Thanksgiving dinner and gifts were provided for the children in surprise boxes, and initially a small crowd attended, yet over the years this tradition has grown exponentially, and in recent years serving approximately one thousand guests on Thanksgiving Day; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to recognize this **40th Anniversary** of Donatello's Italian Restaurant and the week of celebration will provide an opportunity to reflect on its many accomplishments and contributions over the past forty years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of November 11-17, 2024, as

"DONATELLO ITALIAN RESTAURANT ANNIVERSARY WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating Donatello Italian Restaurant on this special 40th Anniversary milestone, in thanking the organization for their commitment to unsurpassed quality and to our community, and in wishing them continued success in the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of November, 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor