

# Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Gamma Phi Delta Sorority Incorporated® is a national organization founded in February 1943, on the campus of Lewis Business College in Detroit, Michigan by Violet L. Lewis (1897-1968), College Founder and Elizabeth Garner (1911-1965), Educator, and they were joined by eleven other members who pledged to open chapters in their own home communities, and these dedicated founders are known as the *Sorority's 13 Original Pearls*; and

**WHEREAS**, with its motto, *Uniquely Joined in Purpose, United in Service, Champions of Change*, Gamma Phi Delta Sorority has been committed to its founding principles including improving the economic, social, and political status of all women, and to its dedication to community service, youth empowerment, and fostering a better relationship among women of all races and creeds; and

**WHEREAS**, with chapters throughout the United States, including locally the Delta Delta Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Tampa Bay who are a part of the success of our community, the members are dedicated to the organization's objectives including its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust that focuses on development and empowerment of youth, health and wellness, educational opportunities, social action, economic development, and international awareness and involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Gamma Phi Delta contributes substantially within communities across the nation through various initiatives including youth mentoring, scholarships, and support for other worthy organizations that address the needs of the community and align with Gamma Phi Delta Sorority's mission, and they are an affiliate and life members of the prestigious National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and

**WHEREAS**, for over eight decades, the members of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. have been committed to its mission that includes *Building Together, Growing Together*, and on March 27-29, 2025, the South Atlantic Region, consisting of North Carolina, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, will host its Biennial Conference at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore Hotel in Tampa, Florida, featuring the theme *Gamma Women: Evolved*.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2025, as

## ***"GAMMA PHI DELTA SORORITY INCORPORATED DAY"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Incorporated on their many contributions to our city, state and nation, and in congratulating them for all they have accomplished over the years.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor