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Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Tampa, Florida is a diverse and vibrant community that appreciates its people, culture, and accomplishments, and its citizens come together during times of support, recognition, awareness campaigns, and other memorable events that celebrate our rich history and growth; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa region is well-known as home to a dynamic and diverse culinary scene, with its exceptional restaurants, talented chefs, and innovative food and beverage experiences that contribute to the community's rich culture and thriving hospitality industry, and the citizens of Tampa are supportive and celebrate the local wine and food venues and festivals; and

WHEREAS, on April 8-12, 2025, the Tampa Bay Wine & Food Festival will be held at Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park featuring a Grand Tasting Day, Chef Showdown, Experience Tampa, Experience St. Petersburg, Breaking Bread with Heroes, and An Evening at the Tampa Club, and the event supports charitable initiatives that benefit the Tampa region; and

WHEREAS, the four-day festival highlights thousands of food lovers, industry leaders, and culinary creators celebrating the very best of the Tampa Bay area's local restaurant community, offering an immersive experience featuring signature dishes, fine wines, craft cocktails, and interactive brand activations that allow festival attendees to engage directly with brands and products; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa appreciates the organizers, sponsors, and participants in creating this opportunity for citizens and visitors to sample the exceptional cuisine and beverages from talented chefs and mixologist, enjoy great entertainment, and participate in this event that exemplifies what makes Tampa an extraordinary place to live, work, and play, and it allows those visiting to experience our exciting city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 8 - 12, 2025, as

"TAMPA BAY WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to participate in the exciting festival activities, discover new and exciting restaurants to visit, and extend appreciation to the organizers and generous sponsors for providing this festival that celebrates the rich history, diversity, and culture of the Tampa Bay region.

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Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 2nd day of April 2025.