

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Beta Sigma Phi (ΒΣΦ) Sorority was founded on April 30, 1931, in Abilene, Kansas by Walter W. Ross as a social sorority instituted for the social, cultural, and civic development of its members, and is known as *The Friendship Organization* because of the diverse ages and educational backgrounds of its members; and

WHEREAS, for over nine decades, Beta Sigma Phi has grown to approximately 200,000 members representing more than ten countries globally, and there are more than 250 chapters in the state of Florida including several in Tampa and within the Suncoast Council; and

WHEREAS, the Beta Sigma Phi symbol is the Torch, signature flower is the yellow rose, official colors are Black and Gold, and the motto of the organization is **Life** (Beta), **Learning** (Sigma), and **Friendship** (Phi); and

WHEREAS, Beta Sigma Phi is comprised of women working for nearly every known charitable, health, and cultural organization, raising money, and donating time and effort to those in need, locally and internationally, and members are encouraged to grow personally, while also participating in the growth of others, and the Beta Sigma Phi 2025 theme is **Beta Sigma Phi – The Right Place to Be!**; and

WHEREAS, the Beta Sigma Phi Fund Programs, including the International Endowment, Disaster Relief, Scholarship, and Breast Cancer Research, provides for and supports, charities, organizations, members, and communities locally and around the world; and

WHEREAS, honoring the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority's founding nearly a century ago, the members of Beta Sigma Phi's Tampa Chapters and Suncoast Council are hosting its **Founder's Day Luncheon** on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the Columbia Museum in historic Ybor City, and the event will provide an opportunity to reflect on all that has been accomplished over the 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 Saturday, April 26, 2025, as

“BETA SIGMA PHI DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the contributions Beta Sigma Phi and its members have made to our community, our nation, and around the world, and in wishing them continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5th day of April 2025.



Jane Castor
Mayor