

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, homeownership is an integral part of the American Dream, and it strengthens communities economically and culturally, and it encourages residents to build roots and invest in their community, creating a sense of belonging, safety, and connection, and it is fundamental to the health and prosperity of cities in our state and nation, including Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, homeownership not only enhances the well-being of the household and creates a source of pride and community, but often the home is a family's largest asset, providing a sound basis for long term financial security and generational wealth; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the *National Housing Act*, making homeownership available to millions of American families who previously could not afford to purchase their own homes, and developers, mortgage lenders, real estate professionals, non-profit housing counseling organizations and government agencies throughout the United States work together in promoting and preserving homeownership opportunities; and

WHEREAS, housing market conditions currently present new and on-going challenges with an ever increasing need for affordable homes, and the City of Tampa continues to enhance its programs and initiatives to support home buyers including through its Housing and Community Development Department's *DARE to Own the Dream Homeownership Program* that provides down payment and closing cost assistance, and has provided to date over \$1,810,000 in DARE funds and over \$1,560,000 in Tampa CRA funds for fiscal year 2025 to 44 new homeowners, and the City supports housing counseling to educate potential home buyers and calls upon developers to build new quality affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, annually, June is recognized as **National Homeownership Month**, bringing awareness to the importance of homeownership for individuals and families and for the positive benefits it brings, it is a reminder of the tremendous economic impact homeownership has on cities nationally, and it provides an opportunity for all factions of the housing industry to work together to provide families with needed tools and information to overcome barriers to homeownership; and

WHEREAS, during National Homeownership Month, the City of Tampa's Housing and Community Development Department is hosting a **Homeownership Day** at the Hanna City Center on Friday, June 27, 2025, and the event will promote its affordable housing efforts, and provide valuable resources and information regarding home ownership.

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 month of June 2025 as

"NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to recognize the value homeownership plays in enriching the lives of our residents, and the economic impact it makes within our community, and thank the organizations and agencies that support affordable housing

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 17th day of June 2025



Jane Castor
Mayor