

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, established in 1998, the **Ivory Club of Tampa Bay, Inc.** is a benevolent non-profit organization of African professionals in the Tampa Bay area committed to promoting African family values; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay is to promote those family values through cultural, educational, and social services, and it accomplishes its vision through key partnerships with local educational and cultural institutions, and through the generous support of its members and sponsors; and

**WHEREAS**, through its many activities, the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay seeks to energize the debate about cross Atlantic partnerships and continuing dialogue with the goal of engaging the community in building enduring associations and relationships which ultimately would uplift the World African Community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay's primary focus is centered around several programs including the Ivory Club Endowed Scholarship, International Exchange Program, Educational and Social Activities, Disaster Relief and Social Assistance, and its signature Annual Lecture Series and Gala; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay, Inc. will host its **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Lecture Series and Gala** entitled ***Pan-Africanism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Revival and Relevance*** on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at the University of South Florida's Royal Palm Ballroom featuring keynote speaker Her Excellency Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao, CEO and Founder of Bell Family Medical Centers, former African Union (AU) Ambassador to the United States, public speaker, educator, and entrepreneur, and the program proceeds will assist in raising funding for the organization's proposed Ivory Center and other important philanthropic initiatives.

**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, September 13, 2025, as

## ***"IVORY CLUB OF TAMPA BAY DAY"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the members of this organization for their many contributions and positive impact to our community and globally.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2025.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor