

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, held on the third Saturday every September and this year celebrating its 15th year, **National Dance Day** (NDD) was established by the American Dance Movement (ADM) co-founder, Nigel Lythgoe, and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton as an annual celebration dedicated to dance, and encourages Americans of all ages to incorporate dance into their lives; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated day of celebration fosters future dance enthusiasts and creates focus on supporting dance as a valuable form of exercise and artistic expression, and American Dance Movement strives to promote and educate the public about dance and its many benefits, as well as make it accessible and inclusive for everyone; and

WHEREAS, locally the not-for-profit organization, Dance Tampa Bay Inc., is a community network that advocates for dance artists, students, and collaborators in all parts of the industry with focus on the importance of promoting a vibrant dance landscape that attracts and retains its dance artists as well as its mission to create productive partnerships with organizations, share resources with individuals, enhance visibility for the art of dance, increase support for dance opportunities and community involvement through traditional and innovative initiatives; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of cities across the country, including Tampa, will recognize and celebrate National Dance Day and will help to facilitate support of their purpose in expanding the visibility and appreciation of local dance and increase audience development by building engaging programming that educates and inspires the future of our arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, September 20, 2025, Dance Tampa Bay is joining with the Florida Museum of Photographic Arts to premiere Dance Rising Tampa Bay, a grass roots dance film series in conjunction with Mad Bear Productions, to help promote, develop, and encourage public interest in support of dance through education, audience and professional development, create meaningful relationships with guest dance artists and the community, and promote advocacy for the arts.

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 20, 2025, as

“NATIONAL DANCE DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all residents in the community to join in the activities planned for this National Dance Day event.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 19th day of September 2025.



Jane Castor

Mayor