

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, culture and the arts have a tremendous impact in communities, creating a sense of pride and often a great reflection of a city's history and heritage, and it certainly applies to the unique and diverse city of Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the **Tampa Bay Business for Culture and the Arts** (Tampa Bay BCA) was established in 1989, is one of eleven national Business Committees for the Arts, and first in Florida Business Committee for the Arts, and its mission is to unite businesses to champion arts and culture for a prosperous community with the philosophy that "the arts are good for business and business is good for the arts;" and

WHEREAS, Tampa Bay BCA, celebrating its 30th Anniversary, is a supporting member of Americans for the Arts and part of the private sector network and national pARTnership Movement, and has operated on a non-profit basis for purposes of uniting the private sector, businesses, and individuals to champion arts and culture for a prosperous community; and

WHEREAS, since its founding three decades ago, Tampa Bay BCA has provided advocacy, funding resources and support for arts education, artists, and arts and cultural organizations and their programs through its initiatives including The Charlie Houchell Art Stars Scholarships Program, Cultural Encounters, Emergency Fund for Jazz Instrumentalists and Vocalist, and the Chalk Walks; and

WHEREAS, Tampa Bay BCA informs and engages the business community in support and promotion of the arts and culture, and it spearheads successful programs that promote arts and culture as a vital economic driver that strengthens and contributes to the well-being and quality of life of our community, and for the past thirty years, has been catalysts for innovation, creativity, transformation and development that has helped to attract leading businesses and a talented workforce; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, October 10, 2019, the Tampa Bay BCA will host its **Annual Impact Awards** at Armature Works in Tampa, Florida, featuring business leaders from across Tampa Bay recognizing and honoring extraordinary contributions to and in support of arts and culture including the 2019 Honorees, Lorna Taylor, Michael Connelly, and Kalup Linzy, and the event provides the opportunity to celebrate its 30th Anniversary and reflect on all that has been accomplished over the years.


THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 10, 2019 as

"TAMPA BAY BUSINESS FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the organization on this milestone anniversary, thanking the members for all they have contributed to the arts and cultural prosperity of our communities, and in wishing them continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of October, 2019.





Mayor