Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Hispanic men and women have greatly impacted the development and progress of the United States since the nation was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492, and they established settlements through America, bringing with them a rich culture; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have contributed to America in the fields of science, technology, politics, the arts, philanthropy and other important areas, and their strength and determination provides inspiration for others; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic culture is an important part of the wonderful diversity blended into the Tampa, Florida community, and the Latino imprint is evident in our history, heritage, neighborhoods, music, art, and celebrations; and

WHEREAS, annually, Tampa, Florida celebrates Hispanic Heritage Season during the months of September, October and November, and Hispanic Heritage Month is held in October, with special events including festivals, recognitions and galas to honor our Latino history and community; and

WHEREAS, hosted by the Hispanic Resource Cultural Center, Inc. and Latin Times Magazine, the *Taste of Latino Festival*, held on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at Centennial Park in historic Ybor City, will recognize Florida and Tampa Bay area Latina Lideres (leaders) for their many contributions, and the event features delicious traditional Latin food, drinks including wine, beer and café con leche, music, chef contests, and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 20, 2019 as

"TASTE OF LATINO FESTIVAL DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to take part in the festival honoring the proud history of Hispanic people and for their many contributions to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 27th day of August, 2019.

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