

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta (ZΦB) Incorporated Sorority was founded on January 16, 1920 on the campus of Howard University by five coeds who wished to depart from the traditional coalitions for Black women by establishing a new sorority predicated on the precepts of *Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood* and *Finer Womanhood*; and

WHEREAS, for a century, the organization has been dedicated to its founding principles including affecting positive change, raising consciousness, encouraging high standards and excellence, and supporting community service through volunteerism and programs; and

WHEREAS, innovative and leading the way for others, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority became the first National Pan-Hellenic Council organization to create a national headquarters, to charter a chapter in Africa, to be constitutionally bound to a brother fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and it established adult and youth auxiliary groups including the Amicae, Archonettes, Amicettes, and Pearlettes; and

WHEREAS, a nonprofit organization, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority has hundreds of chapters worldwide with a membership of over 100,000, and its initiatives are supported by the members with dues and generous gifts, and they are committed to philanthropy, making a positive impact in their communities, to higher education through its National Educational Foundation, and to the promotion of legislation for social and civic change; and

WHEREAS, locally, Zeta Phi Beta, Inc. Sorority chapters Tau Pi Zeta, Nu Upsilon Zeta, Beta Sigma Zeta and Epsilon Beta Zeta are dedicated to the mission of the national organization and they have served the Tampa Bay area with valuable programs that transform lives and impact the quality of life for the youth, students, families, the elderly, and the homeless in our community; and

WHEREAS, members of the Tampa Bay Zeta Phi Beta Sorority chapters will join with others from around the nation and internationally on January 15-18, 2020, on the campus of Howard University in Washington D.C., and the *Centennial Celebration* will include special events, business sessions, regional meetings, concerts, a gala and expo, and in honor of its 100th Anniversary, the organization will contribute clothing, blankets and toiletries to area shelter.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, January 16, 2020 as

“ZETA PHI BETA INCORPORATED SORORITY DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing and congratulating Zeta Phi Beta Sorority on this milestone anniversary and thank the members for their many contributions to our world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of January, 2020.





Mayor