

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, known as an original gem of South Tampa, the community of Beach Park is a beautiful neighborhood within the city limits of Tampa, Florida, and the land was first owned by Henry B. Plant who sold it to the Beach Park Company developers in 1911, and they subdivided the parcels, calling it *Beach Park on the Bay*, and it was known for its Mediterranean style architecture and advertised as *The Suburb of Beautiful Homes*; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1920's, the neighborhood organized the Beach Park Civic Association and garden club, becoming the **Beach Park Women's Club** (BPWC) in 1930, and when the Beach Park Company left the community, it turned over its sales office at 801 South Westshore Boulevard to the BPWC for resident meetings and social gatherings, and thereafter the property was owned by Judge O.K. Reaves, who deeded it to the organization with the stipulation it would remain a well maintained clubhouse; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, the Beach Park Women's Club expanded its facility with the addition of a meeting room, kitchen and restrooms, and later created a larger modernized kitchen, and the organization continues to upgrade, maintain and add to the historical building's beauty while increasing modern comforts and style, creating a welcoming space for women to form new bonds, learn about pressing social issues, and give back to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Beach Park Women's Club is a nonprofit, non-political organization comprised of active and community involved women dedicated to promoting education, philanthropy, preservation and community betterment, and committed to preserving the beauty of the Beach Park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Beach Park Women's Club has contributed to organizations both locally and internationally including the American Red Cross, The Spring of Tampa Bay, the Children's Home, Metropolitan Ministries, New Life Village, Academy Prep Center of Tampa, and the Cindy Ruff Scholarship Award; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of its **90th Anniversary**, the Beach Park Women's Club is launching its first cookbook, "**Welcome to the Neighborhood**" that features favorite recipes from the organization's members and stunning photographs of the Beach Park community on February 28, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim Friday, February 28, 2020 as

"BEACH PARK WOMEN'S CLUB DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to congratulate the BPWC organization on this milestone anniversary and thank the members for their contributions to the Tampa community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 28th day of February, 2020.





Mayor