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Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, financially supported by a dedicated community, WEDU Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), is West Central Florida's leading public broadcasting station and public media company, reaching sixteen area counties, and it successfully connects the community and the world through a variety of award-winning educational, entertaining, and thought-provoking local, national and international content on-air, online, and through community outreach; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 15th Anniversary, the **WEDU Be More Awards** is an awards program established by WEDU PBS to recognize individuals, initiatives, campaigns, and non-profit organizations throughout the Tampa Bay region, honoring their vast contributions and efforts within the communities where we work, live, play, and raise our families; and

WHEREAS, each year, the recognition assists in building awareness for these individuals and organizations, and introduces new donors, volunteers, and those in need of services to the worthy nonprofit organizations, thereby assisting in achieving their goals in serving the countless and diverse needs of our community; and

WHEREAS, categories for awards include *Empowered*, Small Nonprofit; *Entrepreneurial*, Engaged Philanthropist; *Humble*, People's Choice; *Inspiring*, Rising Star; *Involved*, Mason Dixon Award for Volunteerism; and *Relevant*, Best Use of Video; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to join in recognizing this nationally respected and award winning initiative by WEDU PBS at the **Fifteenth Annual WEDU Be More Awards** ceremony and luncheon on Thursday, February 27, 2020 held in the Ballroom at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC in Tampa, Florida.

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, February 27, 2020 as

"WEDU BE MORE AWARDS DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to take part in this most noteworthy effort and to join me in extending and best wishes and congratulations to all of the individuals and organizations who have participated and will be recognized at this prestigious event.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 27th day of February, 2020.

Mayor)