

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, a census is the procedure of systematically acquiring and recording information about the members of a given population, and the **United States Census Bureau** is required by the United States Constitution to conduct a complete count of every person living in the fifty states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam and the United States Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census will be the twenty-fourth United States Census since it began in 1790, when census collectors traveled on horseback and by foot to record the information on parchment paper, and by April 1, 2020, every home in the United States will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census, and this year, for the first time there are three response options; online, by telephone, or by the United States Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that all citizens participate as it will determine critical decisions and provide information for congressional representation, state and local voting districts, and it will affect communities around the nation with hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding that will influence and support transportation, education, employment and training, public assistance, the protection of wildlife and conservation, and much more; and

WHEREAS, April 1, 2020 is **Census Day**, observed nationwide, and serves as a key reference for everyone living in the United States to be counted, as required by law, and the City of Tampa is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2020 by encouraging all residents to participate, and will further support the Census Takers in our community and the goals of the 2020 United States Census.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 1, 2020 as

CENSUS DAY

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to participate in the 2020 Census with a prompt response to make sure you are counted, benefitting our community and nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of March, 2020.



Jane Castor

Mayor