

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Hispanics have been part of the success in the development of the state of Florida and the Tampa Bay area from the early years, becoming a major contributor to our rich heritage, and generations of Hispanic Americans continue to be an important part of the fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Hispanic community is a vibrant part of the uniquely diverse and multiethnic society that comprises of the citizens of the Tampa, Florida area, and they enhance our quality of life by their achievements and by generosity giving their time and efforts economically, socially, culturally, and philanthropically; and

WHEREAS, men and women of Hispanic descent play a vital role in our city, state and nation, and many have and continue to proudly and courageously serve in the United States Armed Forces in defense of freedom and the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, the annual **ViVa Tampa Bay Hispanic Heritage Festival** was established to honor generations of Hispanic Americans in the Tampa Bay region, and around the United States, for their social and economic participation and contributions; and

WHEREAS, celebrated during Hispanic Heritage Month and hosted by All American Music Productions, Inc. and Course of Action Foundation, the **7th Annual ViVa Tampa Bay Hispanic Heritage Community Awards and Scholarship Presentation** on October 1, 2020, is held virtually due to the Coronavirus pandemic, and the event recognizes Tampa's Hispanic first responders, teachers, members of the military and community leaders, and this year, it includes the awarding of several \$1,000 scholarships to deserving local graduating seniors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is appreciative to the organizers of this annual event for their dedication to Tampa Bay and in honoring the men and women in our community who contribute so much.

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, October 1, 2020 as

"VIVA TAMPA HISPANIC HERITAGE DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join in the virtual festivities that celebrates Tampa's diversity, and the Hispanic culture and community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of October 2020.



Jane Castor

Mayor