

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, a safe and healthy home is vitally important, and according to the National Center for Healthy Housing, a healthy home is defined as one designed, constructed, maintained, and rehabilitated in a manner that is conducive to good occupant health; and

WHEREAS, incorporated on June 27, 2000, **Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay** (RTTB) was established to provide residential and rehabilitation services to low-income homeowners, and it is an affiliate of Rebuilding Together, a national organization established in 1973 with a mission of *repairing homes, revitalizing communities and rebuilding lives*, and its vision is *safe homes and communities for everyone*; and

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay is dedicated to ensuring homes in the Tampa community are safe and healthy by providing critical home repairs and accessibility modifications for homeowners including low-income families, military veterans, the elderly, children with asthma or other respiratory conditions, victims of disasters, and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its **20th Anniversary**, Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay has greatly contributed to the well-being of Tampa Bay residents including completing over \$4 million in home improvements, engaging more than 12,000 volunteers entailing thousands of donated hours, renovating in excess of 750 homes, and through their **Healthier Homes for Children** initiative, RTTB strives to lessen household asthma triggers, reduce asthma related doctor or emergency room visits and missed school and work days, thereby decreasing overall stress and expenses for families; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish their goals, RTTB works in partnership with neighborhoods, collaborates with other groups who share similar objectives, involve the residents in all aspects of the work, are committed to quality planning, delivery and evaluation of their services, and they believe in inclusivity and seek to promote a diversity that is reflective of the community they serve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 10, 2020 as

“REBUILDING TOGETHER TAMPA BAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking RTTB for the many contributions to our community and elevating the quality of life for so many residents, congratulating them on this milestone 20th Anniversary, and wishing them continued success in the future.

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





Mayor