

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, since 1983, the President of the United States has proclaimed a **National Minority Enterprise Development Week**, this year held September 9-13, 2019, to recognize the outstanding achievements of minority and small business enterprises; and

WHEREAS, minority and small business enterprises are the fastest growing segment of the nation's business community and are significant economic forces; and

WHEREAS, minority and small businesses serving Tampa, Florida and the neighboring communities enhance the quality of life for residents through job creation, and they contribute to the local economy by providing needed products and services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa recognizes the importance of a successful and vibrant minority and small business community and is committed to stimulating economic development and growth by ensuring equal business opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Minority Enterprise Development Corporation brings together diverse men and women business owners to provide opportunities to grow personally and professionally through education and meaningful connections; and

WHEREAS, the **Florida Minority Enterprise Development Conference**, held July 24-26, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Tampa, Florida, features the theme ***Connecting Business with Opportunity: Growing to the Next Level*** and focuses on empowering minority business leaders to be key stakeholders in diversifying the local economy, and the event provides business owners with valuable tools from experts through workshops and roundtables, and features a Business Matchmaking and Expo, Awards Program, and features keynote speaker Farad Ali, Vice President of the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 24-26, 2019 as

“MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK”

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to become aware of and patronize our local minority and small businesses.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 5th day of July, 2019.



Jane Castor

Mayor