

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud to recognize those businesses who have made a difference in our community by not only their economic investment, but also their involvement and positive impact. **Watermark Publishing Group, Inc.** celebrating its 25th Anniversary, is one such company; and

WHEREAS, established in 1994 in Orlando, Florida, Watermark Publishing Group was founded by Tom Dyer, and is a multi-faceted media company with a mission of using opportunities and innovations to communicate and advance Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ) interests; and

WHEREAS, Watermark Publishing Group expertly publishes a comprehensive full-color magazine, distributing approximately 20,000 copies every second Thursday, featuring local state and national news, in-depth award winning featured articles and interviews, arts and entertainment, a community calendar, announcements, a marketplace and more, and the organization has expanded to include specialty publications and its WatermarkOnline.com; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-five years, Watermark Publishing Group has been dedicated and contributed to the Tampa Bay community, including donating over \$200,000 in advertising to nonprofit organizations and small businesses, sponsoring and participating in Pride events throughout the year such as Tampa Pride, Pride Plus Night for American Stage's Playhouse in the Park, the Tampa Bay International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, the Harvey Milk Festival and more, and also through its own initiatives that include Watermark Gives Back and recognizing community and ally leaders during its Remarkable People issue; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of its milestone anniversary, Watermark Publishing Group is hosting a **25th Anniversary Celebration** on Friday, August 30, 2019, at Metro Inclusive Health in St. Petersburg, Florida, and the evening will provide an opportunity for attendees to congratulate the organization for all it has contributed to the diversity and growth of the Tampa Bay community, and to reflect on its many accomplishments since it was founded.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 30, 2019 as

“WATERMARK PUBLISHING GROUP DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, in honor of its 25th Anniversary, and encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating them on this milestone, thanking them for their many contributions to our community, and in wishing them continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 26th day of August, 2019.



Jane Castor

Mayor