

# Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, over one-hundred years ago on July 15, 1915, the **National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century** was established, and its spirit is reflected in the approximately 11,000 members who are descendants of early colonists to the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of this long-standing organization share a common interest in American history, honor the hardships and heroism of those who sought spiritual and economic freedom, and acknowledge those individuals whose lasting legacy of virtue, courage, and patriotism molded the character of this nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century maintains a museum in its historical National Headquarters building in Washington, D.C., and through its goals and projects, the organization identifies and preserves historic sites and records, promotes heraldry and research, and supports charitable projects and education; and

**WHEREAS**, locally, the Edmund Sheffield Chapter of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century Tampa, Florida Chapter was established June 10, 1960, and its members are dedicated to the mission and initiatives of the national organization; and

**WHEREAS**, with the national motto "*Casting Our Nets for Membership*" and theme "*Start by Doing the Necessary, Then the Possible, and Suddenly You are Doing the Impossible*," the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century and the Edmund Sheffield Tampa, Florida Chapter are sponsoring **National Colonial Heritage Month** as a means of reinforcing and bringing attention to the legacy of the early arrivals to America, who determined the direction for the formation of our great country and the privileges we enjoy because of them.

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

## ***"NATIONAL COLONIAL HERITAGE MONTH"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the National Society Colonial Dames VII Century for preserving our rich culture and heritage for over a century.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor