Proclamation

Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the **Tampa Organization of Black Affairs** (TOBA), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, created in 1979 by Robert Morrison, David McQuay and Delano S. Stewart to address political, educational, social, and economic development concerns in the Tampa, Florida African American community in a meaningful manner, and the vision and mission of inspiring, empowering and preparing new generations of leaders was set forth; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 40th Anniversary, TOBA has been dedicated to its goals and the catalyst for leadership within the business community through the promotion of minority and African American economic development by supporting increased African American business ownership, opportunities for advancement in the workplace, and awareness by the African American consumer; and

WHEREAS, these goals also include promoting political education, voter registration and participation, the encouragement of minority individuals to seek elected and appointed public positions, and youth development by encouragement and supporting academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, TOBA continues to pursue its mission and goals through community involvement and collaboration with other organizations as well as programming to develop youth leadership, community service projects, advocating for minority and disadvantaged business, education equality, and promoting community enhancement initiatives; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, January 20, 2020, the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs will host its **40th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Breakfast** at the Hilton Tampa Downtown Hotel to honor the principles of Dr. King, and the event will foster positive community relations, recognize corporations and individuals for their positive contributions to the community, and features special guest speaker Professor Eddie S. Glaude, Jr., the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University and well-known Author.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 20, 2020 as

"TAMPA ORGANIZATION OF BLACK AFFAIRS DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking TOBA for contributions to our community, congratulating them on this 40th Anniversary milestone, and wishing them success in their continued efforts to build upon the rich heritage, traditions and mission of this valued organization.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20th day of January, 2020.

Jane Castor

Mayor