

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, Panhellenic is defined as all-Greek, and is used to signify Greek-letter fraternities and sororities in American colleges and universities, or the organization or councils that represent them such as the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC); and

WHEREAS, founded in 1902, the National Panhellenic Conference was established to assist collegiate and alumnae chapters of the NPC member organizations in cooperation with colleges and universities, and to foster inter-sorority relationships, and its mission is to be the premier advocate and support organization for the advancement of the sorority experience; and

WHEREAS, for over a century, the National Panhellenic Conference has been committed to relationships built on trust through transparency, accountability, and mutual respect, and the organization promotes values and ethics in sororities, and encourages its members to develop friendships, become leaders, seek knowledge, maintain integrity, and be active and responsible within their communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Panhellenic Conference Foundation, incorporated in 1995 as a public educational charity, is dedicated to its mission of advancing the NPC member organizations and is committed to personal growth by raising funds for and underwriting initiatives that launch and sustain women leaders; and

WHEREAS, the National Panhellenic Conference established **International Badge Day** in 1997, celebrated annually on the first Monday in March during National Women's History Month, to encourage chapter members to wear their sorority badges with pride, and to celebrate sisterhood and the professionalism of the fraternal and sorority community, this year held on Monday, March 2, 2020, and they are supporting the National Women's History Month theme *Valiant Women of the Vote*; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida (USF) Panhellenic Association is comprised of ten of the twenty-six national member sororities and devoted to their core values of *growth, empower, respect* and *serve*, and on Monday, March 2, 2020, at the USF's Marshall Center, they will promote International Badge Day by thanking those members who are proudly wearing their badges with a small gift.

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, March 2, 2020 as

"INTERNATIONAL PANHELLENIC BADGE DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the contributions sororities and fraternities make to our community and thanking the National Panhellenic Conference for supporting the organizations and their members.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 19th day of February, 2020.



Jane Castor

Mayor