Proclamation

Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, an **Archive** is an accumulation of historical records, or the physical place they are located, and generally archives consist of records that have been selected for permanent or long term preservation for their cultural, historical, or evidentiary value; and

WHEREAS, the greatness of the United States of America is founded upon appreciation our heritage and knowledge of historical events and places that has shaped our national identity, and archives throughout our nation have preserved documents, information, and valued items for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1987, the **City of Tampa Archives** falls under the responsibilities of the City Clerk, and it contains information which reflects the rich diversity of Tampa, Florida, and enables citizens to interpret the past, understand the present, and prepare for the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa's Archives represent the collective memory of the City of Tampa and includes City Clerk's records, City Council Member files, records from the Mayor's Office, gifts to the City from dignitaries and others, administrative papers and reports from City departments, archeological artifacts, City celebrations and activities records, and it holds the most complete collection of City Directories in Tampa; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa Archives Advisory Committee initiated the first celebration of Archives Awareness Week in 1992, so others may appreciate the value of archival science; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa Archives has joined with archival and historic preservation organizations throughout Hillsborough County, Florida to sponsor the celebration of ***Archives Awareness Week*** from July 12-18, 2020, and archivists and historians will present exhibitions, symposiums, tours, and other online events to illustrate the importance and meaning of archives in the identification, preservation, and conservation of historic records and documents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of July 12-18, 2020 as

"ARCHIVES AWARENESS WEEK"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to thank those involved in the preservation our history and participate in the online activities planned in recognition of Archives Awareness Week.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 18th day of June, 2020.

CITY OF TAMPA OFFICE OF THE MAYOR FLORIDA

Jane Castor

Mayor