

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 over 11,000 members who are descendants of early colonists to the United States of America who settled prior to 1701; and

WHEREAS, the members of this long-standing nonprofit 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, honors veterans, and supports charitable projects and education including scholarships; 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 2019-2021 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 2020 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 XVII Century and the Edmund Sheffield Chapter for preserving our nation’s rich culture and heritage for over a century.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 7th day of September 2020.



Jane Castor

Mayor