

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is often defined as the process of starting a business or other organization, and the **entrepreneur** develops a business model, acquires the human and other required resources, assumes the risk and is responsible for its success or failure, and in recent years entrepreneurship has been known to include social and political activity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa recognizes that entrepreneurship builds and strengthens a sustainable local business economy and is an effective stimulus for the revitalization of the community, and is committed to creating a nurturing environment that encourages and supports entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Startup Tampa Bay is a local non-profit organization dedicated to empowering and inspiring entrepreneurs and community leaders in Tampa Bay, and its members are committed to building a better entrepreneurial ecosystem within our community; and

WHEREAS, Startup Tampa Bay is hosting its *6th Annual Techstars Startup Week Tampa Bay*, a five-day celebration with the mission of building momentum and opportunity around entrepreneurship, and bringing awareness to the dedication and hard work by entrepreneurs who help to stimulate our economy and shape our community, and to the many entrepreneurial opportunities that are available; and

WHEREAS, Techstars Startup Week Tampa Bay is led by committed entrepreneurs and organizations and hosted in entrepreneurial environments including businesses, stores, offices, and co-working spaces, and the week-long event, held virtually this year, will include opening and closing ceremonies, workshops, moderators, speakers, children's class, exhibits, forums, and fun activities.

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 October 5-9, 2020 as

"TECHSTARS STARTUP WEEK TAMPA BAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of entrepreneurs and the enormous value they add to our city, state and nation, and to participate in the virtual events that celebrate entrepreneurship.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28th day of September 2020



Jane Castor

Mayor