

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, homeownership is an integral part of the American Dream, and it strengthens communities economically and culturally, and it encourages residents to build roots and invest in their community, creating a sense of belonging, safety, and connection, and it is fundamental to the health and prosperity of cities in our state and nation, including Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, homeownership not only enhances the well-being of the household and creates a source of pride and community, but often the home is a family's largest asset, providing a sound basis for long term financial security and generational wealth; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the *National Housing Act*, making homeownership available to millions of American families who previously could not afford to buy their own homes, and developers, mortgage lenders, real estate professionals, non-profit housing counseling organizations and government agencies throughout the United States work together in promoting and preserving homeownership opportunities; and

WHEREAS, housing market conditions currently present new challenges with an ever increasing need for affordable homes, and the City of Tampa continues to enhance its programs and initiatives to support home buyers including through its Housing and Community Development Division's DARE to Own the Dream Homeownership Program that provides down payment and closing cost assistance, with over \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 available, and it calls upon developers to build new, quality, and affordable housing to help stabilize housing costs in our community; and

WHEREAS, annually, June is named **National Homeownership Month**, bringing awareness about the importance for individuals and families to own their homes for the positive aspects it brings, and it is a reminder of the tremendous economic impact homeownership has on cities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, during National Homeownership Month, the City of Tampa's Housing and Community Development Division is hosting a **Homeownership Day** event at the Tampa Convention Center on Saturday, June 25, 2022, to promote its affordable housing efforts, and the day features informative workshops on the homebuying process, and resources and valuable information regarding home ownership.

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 month of June 2022 as

"NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to recognize the value homeownership plays in enriching the lives of our residents, and the economic impact it makes within our community, and thank the organizations and agencies that support affordable housing.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 1st day of June, 2022.



Jane Castor

Mayor