

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in 1981, the **National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.** (NC100BW) is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to community service, leadership development, and enhancement of career opportunities for Women of Color to meet their diverse needs; and

WHEREAS, the **Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.**, established in 1988, advocates on behalf of women through national and local actions, with the mission of empowering women to achieve their full potential in areas that include Health, Education, Political and Public Policy, Economic Empowerment and Leadership Development; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. will host its **31st Annual Gourmet Gents, All-Star Cook-off** at St. Lawrence Parish Catholic Church in Higgins Hall in Tampa, Florida on Saturday, August 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the annual Gourmet Gents event, created in 1992, offers an opportunity for fellowship and the sampling of great food, and serves as a fundraiser for the Coalition's Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to deserving African American female students in the Tampa Bay community; and

WHEREAS, due to the commitment and dedication of volunteer chefs, the Coalition has been able to award scholarships in the past to young women in Hillsborough County to attend the college, university, or trade school of their choice, thereby providing life-changing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, food will be prepared by celebrity and gourmet chefs, ranging from business leaders to elected officials from the Tampa Bay area, and participants will be able to enjoy their samples alongside those from local participating restaurants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to join the community in thanking the Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., and in congratulating all those who have been involved in its history and growth on the 31st Anniversary of this special event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, August 3, 2024, as

“GOURMET GENTS DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and call on all members of the community to join me in recognizing the Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., this worthwhile event and its participants and volunteers for their commitment to providing scholarships that assist worthy students, and in wishing the national and local organizations continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 23rd day of July 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor