

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 1956 as an initiative of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, **Sister Cities International** (SCI) was created with the intention of forming community-led relationships so people of different cultures could appreciate their differences and build partnerships to lessen the opportunity for new national conflicts, and its motto is *Peace Through People*; and

WHEREAS, the city of Tampa, Florida values its Sister City relationships as they provide opportunities to broaden economic cooperation that establishes business and trade relations and offers cultural and education exchanges, and SCI's mission is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation – one individual, one community at a time; and

WHEREAS, Tampa currently has Sister City relationships with twelve international cities, including Barranquilla, Colombia, a beautiful and vibrant port city known as the Golden Gate to Colombia, and is Tampa's oldest sister city and our relationship with Barranquilla has been strong and active, with hundreds of trips, exchanges, and events, and the City of Tampa, Florida is proud of the valuable partnership it has enjoyed with Barranquilla, Colombia for nearly six decades; and

WHEREAS, since 1966, Barranquilla and Tampa have promoted and encouraged the establishment of contacts between educational institutions and exchanges in such fields as science, technology, sports, health, and youth activities and further have established business and trade relationships and appreciation of the arts including exhibits, music, dance and other cultural activities, and our desire to remain Sister Cities has been reaffirmed three times, last on November 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of the 58th Anniversary of the valuable partnership between Barranquilla, Colombia and Tampa, Florida as Sister Cities, it is appropriate that a day be proclaimed in honor of our mutual respect, cooperation and friendship over the years and a ceremony will be held at the Tampa Sister Cities Room, located in Old City Hall in downtown Tampa, Florida on August 23, 2024, and it will provide the opportunity for guests to become aware of Sister Cities International's history and accomplishments, and the special relationships Tampa shares with cities around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 23, 2024 as

“BARRANQUILLA - TAMPA SISTER CITIES DAY”

in the city of Tampa and urge all citizens to recognize the dedication and contributions made by Barranquilla and Tampa in its promotion of peace, friendship, and cultural celebration, and in recognizing this 58th Anniversary.

Dated in Tampa, Florida on this 9th day of August, 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor