

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, cities across our nation rely on dedicated individuals and charitable organizations to provide for those less fortunate and enhance the quality of life for others in their communities, and it is important to recognize their efforts and generosity; and

WHEREAS, established in 1990, and incorporated in December of 1998, the **13 Ugly Men** is a nonprofit fundraising organization that is committed to making a positive impact in the Tampa, Florida area through various initiatives and events; and

WHEREAS, created by 13 founding members with the motto “Party with a Purpose,” the 13 Ugly Men organization has grown to 46 members, and its mission is to support the Tampa Bay community through hands-on volunteerism efforts and large-scale events that raise awareness and funds for local charities; and

WHEREAS, through its many activities over the years, the 13 Ugly Men have raised and awarded approximately \$3 million for local charities, with 100 percent of all proceeds donated, and their signature events include the annual White Party, The Halloween Party, Get Roasted Thanksgiving Eve, The Invitational, Derby at the Pier, and more; and

WHEREAS, the 13 Ugly Men organization has been honored over the years for their contributions to the Tampa Bay region including receiving the Voices for Children’s *Champion for Children Award*, Tampa Police Department’s *Business Partner of the Year*, named a Tampa Bay Lightning *Community Hero*, the Children’s Dream Fund’s *Dreammaker of the Year*, Tampa Downtown Partnership’s *Urban Excellence Award*, and more; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is appreciative of the role 13 Ugly Men have played for over 30 years in making our community a better place including those contributions that benefit women and children, crisis intervention, law enforcement, and the United States Military, and for its commitment in partnering with other nonprofit organizations whose missions assist our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, September 9, 2024, as

“13 UGLY MEN DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the members of this organization for their public service and many contributions to the Tampa Bay community.

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



Jane Castor
Mayor