

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 1998, the **Ivory Club of Tampa Bay, Inc.** is a benevolent non-profit organization of African professionals in the Tampa Bay area committed to promoting African family values; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay is to promote those family values through cultural, educational, and social services, and it accomplishes its vision through key partnerships with local educational and cultural institutions, and through the generous support of its members and sponsors; and

WHEREAS, through its many activities, the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay seeks to energize the debate about cross Atlantic partnerships and continuing dialogue with the goal of engaging the community in building enduring associations and relationships which ultimately would uplift the World African Community; and

WHEREAS, the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay's primary focus is centered around several programs including the Ivory Club Endowed Scholarship, International Exchange Program, Educational and Social Activities, Disaster Relief and Social Assistance, and its signature Annual Lecture Series and Gala; and

WHEREAS, the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay, Inc. will host its **18th Annual Lecture Series and Gala** entitled ***African Diaspora in a Multi-polar 21st Century*** on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at the University of South Florida's Royal Palm Ballroom featuring keynote speaker Dr. Christopher Fomunyoh, Senior Associate for Africa, Regional Director, and Special Advisor to the President of the National Democratic Institute (NDI), and the program proceeds will assist in raising funding for the organization's proposed Ivory Center and other important philanthropic initiatives.

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, September 14, 2024, as

"IVORY CLUB OF TAMPA BAY DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the members of this organization for their many contributions and positive impact to our community and globally.



Jane Castor
Mayor