

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 be more active and investing in their neighborhoods, and it is fundamental to the health of cities in our state and nation, including Tampa, Florida, and homeownership not only enhances the well-being of the household and is a source of pride, but often the home is a family's largest asset, providing a sound basis for long term financial security; 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, the City of Tampa, Florida supports affordable housing for all its citizens, encourages housing counseling to educate potential home buyers, and calls upon developers to build new, quality and affordable housing to stabilize housing costs in our community, and the City's Housing and Community Development Division's Mortgage Assistance Program provides down payment and closing cost assistance with over \$750,000 in fiscal year 2019 available; and

WHEREAS, each year, June is named **National Homeownership Month** and it brings awareness to the importance for individuals and families to own their homes for the sense of pride and community it brings, and it is a reminder of the positive economic impact homeownership has on neighborhoods and cities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of National Homeownership Month, the City of Tampa's Housing and Community Development Division is hosting a ***Dare to Own the Dream Homeownership Event*** on Saturday, June 1, 2019, at the David M. Barksdale Active Older Adult Center in Tampa, Florida, and it features open houses, a mortgage lender showcase, HUD-approved housing counseling agencies, affordable housing builders and developers, refreshments and prizes.


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 2019 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, 2019.





Mayor