

# Proclamation



*Jane Castor, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, life sciences, also known as biological sciences, focus on specific types of organisms and include several branches of science such as medicine, microbiology, zoology, botany, and ecology; and

**WHEREAS**, life science careers in research, teaching and medicine can be exciting and fulfilling, and may require specific education such as a bachelor, master's or doctoral degree to become a biologist, biomedical scientist, botanist, herpetologist, medical laboratory scientist, microbiologist, neuroscientist, clinical pharmaceutical scientist, or zoologist; and

**WHEREAS**, continuing education, networking, mentorship and professional development are vital for a successful career in the life sciences field, and the **Life Science Women's Conference** (LSWC) provides opportunities for women currently working or with an interest to work within all areas of life sciences to discuss idea-focused issues on a wide range of subjects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Life Science Women's Conference held on February 19-20, 2020, at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida, provides the opportunity for attendees to collaborate and be inspired in areas of entrepreneurship, career enhancement, business management, leadership, mentoring, scientific and technical information and updates, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, the two-day Life Science Women's Conference includes speakers and presenters, panel discussions, workshops and roundtables, networking, and an evening of Chocolate Decadence, and the organization has invited over 200 Tampa Bay area Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) students to the event to help motivate and inspire them to continue their STEM studies, leading to rewarding careers in life sciences.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 19, 2020 as

## ***"LIFE SCIENCE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE DAY"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to learn more about life sciences, how they benefit our community and the world, and to encourage young people to become familiar with the opportunities available in the life science fields.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.



*Jane Castor*  
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Mayor