

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud to recognize those businesses who have made a mark in our city by their economic investment and community involvement, and **Ferman Motor Car Company**, celebrating its **125th Anniversary**, is one such company; and

WHEREAS, established in 1895 by Fred Ferman, the Ferman Motor Car Company has grown to include eleven Tampa Bay area locations that represent twelve major new car and motorcycle franchises, features quality certified pre-owned used vehicles, and has state-of-the-art service departments with highly skilled, factory-trained technicians dedicated to efficient, quality vehicle care; and

WHEREAS, *with over a century of service, one car at a time*, the Ferman Motor Car Company's mission includes serving with honesty and integrity in providing service, satisfaction, and value to the motoring public, offering rewarding careers for its valued employees, giving a fair return on the investment of its shareholders, and generously contributing volunteer time, talent, and financial support to the communities it has served since 1895; and

WHEREAS, the seventh oldest automobile dealer in the United States, and the longest continually operating dealer in Tampa, Ferman Motor Car Company appreciates the efforts of its family of employees, and credits its longevity, stellar reputation and success to their dedication and commitment to outstanding guest experiences; and

WHEREAS, through the **Ferman Community Partnership**, the organization enriches the lives of Tampa Bay area citizens through philanthropy and active, personal involvement in the community, and it has made a positive impact for well over a century through its support of programs and charitable organizations including those for education, youth, health, human services, arts and culture, and community events, and the employees volunteer at homeless shelters and hospitals, and they contribute annually to the United Way, participate in the Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic race, and more; and

WHEREAS, recognized as outstanding in the automobile industry, Ferman Motor Car Company earned the National Automotive Dealers Association's *Century Award*, and has received many major automobile franchise awards over the years for *Outstanding Guest Service, Excellence, President's Club*, and more, and the community has honored the organization's contributions including the Metropolitan Ministries' *Founder Champion Award*.

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, April 20, 2020 as

"FERMAN MOTOR CAR COMPANY DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating them on this special 125th Anniversary milestone occasion, and in wishing them continued success well into the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15th day of April, 2020.



Jane Castor

Mayor