

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, The Love Foundation, Inc.(TLF) is a nonprofit organization, founded in 2000 in Tampa, Florida, by Harold W. Becker with the mission of furthering the understanding and application of unconditional love through education, research, initiatives, and charitable programs; and

WHEREAS, with its motto of Inspiring People to Love Unconditionally, The Love Foundation's vision is uniting one and all in a celebration of love and compassion, and joining people around the world in expanding love, and it is the foundation's belief that love begins with self-acceptance and forgiveness, and that with tolerance and compassion, we can embrace diversity; and

WHEREAS, teaching that a difference can be made in our communities by choosing love over fear; kindness over hate; integration over separation; and peace over war, The Love Foundation focuses on joining energies through peaceful thoughts and feelings, ultimately restoring balance to our lives; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to share their vision, The Love Foundation established its annual **Global Love Day** held every May 1st, this year hosting its seventeenth celebration in cities worldwide featuring the theme *Love Begins With Me*, and the special event provides the opportunity to remind ourselves, especially during times of national and global crisis, such as the 2020 Coronavirus (COVID-19), that love, kindness and compassion for each other helps us all overcome adversities and gives us hope for the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 1, 2020 as

"GLOBAL LOVE DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all residents to learn that love for our fellow citizens begins with each of us as individuals, that love is the link that binds us all, and that we should use this day to reflect on ways this understanding can make a difference in our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17th day of April, 2020.





Mayor