

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa prides itself on being a welcoming, affirming, and inclusive city for all residents and visitors, including all members of the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, Tampa's reputation as a diverse and friendly place for members of the LGBT community to live, work, and visit is a crucial component in our rapid growth and contribution to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the city of Tampa prides itself on being one of the safest cities of its size in the nation, and celebrates its diversity every day, and protects its residents and visitors from discrimination because all people should be free from marginalization, and this includes our city's youngest residents, who deserve to grow-up in a community that is free of all forms of hate and oppression; and

WHEREAS, young LGBT people frequently experience bullying and harassment, with over 90% hearing anti-LGBT remarks from other students in schools, and nearly half of young LGBT people report they seriously considered suicide in the past year; and

WHEREAS, young people who develop in positive school climates, free of bullying, harassment, and discrimination report greater physical and psychological safety, greater mental well-being, and improved educational and life outcomes; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Tampa, Florida, we demand the best possible future for all young people in schools, without exception, and we are united in our commitment to make our community an even more welcoming and inclusive city and to continue the work to ensure that every resident and visitor feels valued and protected.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, hereby declare my support for GLSEN's Rise Up Campaign and the efforts to ensure that every student, including those who identify as LGBT, can learn in an uplifting, supportive environment that is free of hatred and discrimination.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 26th day of April, 2023.



Jane Castor

Mayor