

Proclamation

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Rick Kriseman, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Eleventh Annual St. Petersburg Science Festival will be available virtually to students, on Friday, October 15th, and to all on Saturday, October 16th, 2021, in conjunction with MarineQuest; and

WHEREAS, we were actively planning for an in-person event but the rise in COVID infections and the potential risk to children, our target audience, led us to this difficult decision; and

WHEREAS, we are happy to announce an amazing virtual Sneak Peek School Day on Friday, October 15th and an awesome day of online activities and learning on Saturday, October 16th; and

WHEREAS, the St. Petersburg Science Festival has emerged as a leader in the nationwide movement to increase public engagement with Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM); and

WHEREAS, the St. Petersburg Science Festival encourages one-on-one conversation with scientists, allowing people of all ages to explore diverse STEAM careers at research organizations that contribute to our community and regional economies; and

WHEREAS, our community recognizes that science and technology help us power our world, protect us from natural disasters, build safe highways and bridges, improve our health, and entertain us. In addition, science inspires the creative arts and humanities; and

WHEREAS, our citizens will gain a strong understanding of science that will help us address our greatest challenges, including climate change and sea-level rise, and contribute to our understanding of the natural landscape across our City, County, the Tampa Bay region, and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of our greater community will celebrate science, much like we celebrate sports, food, music and the arts, integrated into our culture as a community tradition.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Rick Kriseman**, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 15th-16th, 2021 as

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in St. Petersburg and I ask all citizens to join us in the celebration of science at this year's festival.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 15th day of October, 2021.

Rick Kriseman
Mayor