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## **Chambers in Tampa Bay Declare June 1<sup>st</sup> as Lightning Appreciation Day**

Tampa, Fla. – Six Chambers of Commerce in the Tampa Bay region have agreed to declare Friday June 1st, 2018 as Lightning Appreciation Day. Last Wednesday, the Tampa Bay Lightning ended their season after losing in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Final. The team was defeated by the Washington Capitals in the game that decided who would move on to the Stanley Cup Final to face the Vegas Golden Knights. The Lightning held a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series, just as they did two seasons ago in the 2016 Eastern Conference Final against Pittsburgh. The team shared its successes this season with the Tampa Bay community with watch parties and home games that drew thousands of fans to support the team.

In return, the following Chambers of Commerce in Tampa Bay have declared June 1st Lightning Appreciation Day and would like to recognize the team for their successes this season:

- Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Temple Terrace Chamber of Commerce
- North Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce
- Plant City Chamber of Commerce
- South Tampa Chamber of Commerce

The mission of Lightning Appreciation Day is to show the Tampa Bay Lightning that the chambers and their members support the team and appreciate the successes that the team has had all season long. They want to thank the team for giving Tampa Bay a reason to be proud this season, and in doing that they ask that those in the community will wear their “Bolts Blue” on Friday and post pictures on social media using **#AppreciateBolts**.

### **About the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce**

*The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce is committed to serving our members and enhancing our community by building business success. The Chamber provides a greater return on investment and involvement by providing innovative leadership, inside access, influential advocacy and increased opportunities.*

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