

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, in 1886, twenty acres of farmland on the west side of the Hillsborough River was bought by O.H. Platt of Hyde Park, Illinois, and he named this newly purchased land Hyde Park in honor of his hometown. In the early 1900's, nearly 100 acres of citrus groves surrounding Hyde Park were transformed into subdivided lots, growing the neighborhood - south of Swann Avenue with side boundaries stretching from Magnolia to Orleans Avenue; and as Hyde Park expanded, large revival style residences flourished until the Great Depression, when thereafter construction followed the national trend toward smaller homes; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the economic downturn and trend toward suburbanization, the area's growth remained relatively stable, and in the 1970's and 1980's, with the emerging popularity of preservation, a period of new development was stimulated, and in 1974, **Hyde Park Preservation, Inc.** (HPPI) was established as an advocate for historic preservation, rehabilitation, and development of Hyde Park – a neighborhood of some of the oldest homes in Tampa; and

**WHEREAS**, the HPPI's founding mission was to halt development of the Crosstown Expressway that planned to cut through the community and damage the historic nature of the neighborhood, and the organization was successful in their efforts, persuading developers to look elsewhere, and they were able to preserve what so many of us enjoy when we drive or walk through Historic Hyde Park, marveling at the unique architecture, brick streets, and landscaping that showcases such a rich part of our city; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hyde Park Preservation Society, Inc. is hosting an **Old Hyde Park Centennial Celebration and Ice Cream Social** on Friday, April 4, 2014 at the St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, and it will include a time capsule filled with items that will remain enclosed for the next 25 years, entertainment by the Flexible Four Barbershop Quartet, vintage costume and art work contests, and cake and ice cream will be served throughout the evening; and

**WHEREAS**, the festivities will continue through Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> when residents and visitors alike will have the opportunity to "Porch Hop" whereby over twenty neighborhood porches will have events such as cigar rolling, quilting, vintage car showcasing, tea and sweets, listening to vintage music, and much more, and the day will also include a ride through Historic Hyde Park in a horse-drawn trolley while admiring the neighborhood's rich history and grand architecture.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by the virtue vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 4, 2014 as

## ***"OLD HYDE PARK CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DAY"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens and visitors to join me in congratulating Historic Hyde Park in this Centennial Anniversary milestone, and thank the dedication of the Hyde Park Preservation, Inc. members in maintaining the historic authenticity and rich history of the neighborhood for all residents and visitors to enjoy.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor