

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 1982, the **George Edgecomb Bar Association** is Tampa, Florida's largest predominately African American voluntary bar association; and

WHEREAS, the association is named for the late Honorable George E. Edgecomb, a native of West Tampa, and Hillsborough County's first African American judge, for which the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Courthouse was dedicated, and first African American Chief Assistant County Solicitor and Assistant State Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the 100 members of the George Edgecomb Bar Association strive to maintain the ideals and principles The Honorable George Edgecomb embodied during his lifetime, and are dedicated to the promotion and recognition of minorities within the legal profession and the judiciary, and following in his legacy of community leadership they are committed to increasing the legal profession's involvement in community affairs and public service; and

WHEREAS, annually since 1983, the George Edgecomb Bar Association has awarded over \$250,000 in scholarships to Hillsborough County Public School's graduating African American seniors, and provides a Florida Four-year Prepaid College Tuition scholarship for a ninth grade African American students, and two Hillsborough County College Matching Scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the *George Edgecomb Bar Association's 31st Annual Scholarship Banquet* will be held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at the Tampa Marriot Waterside Hotel & Marina and the organization will present the 2014 Scholarships Awards to the deserving recipients.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 28, 2014 as

"GEORGE EDGECOMB BAR ASSOCIATION DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the scholarship recipients, and thanking the George Edgecomb Bar Association for all they do for the legal profession and the Tampa Bay community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28th day of April, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

