

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, held in Tampa, Florida, the *16th Annual Mayor's Latino's Unidos Luncheon* showcases the growing presence and economic impact of Latinos in our city, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the **City of Tampa Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council** is hosting this event on May 8, 2014 at the Tampa Convention Center featuring keynote speaker Alex Sanchez, President and CEO of the Florida Bankers Association (FBA); and

WHEREAS, Matilda Martinez Garcia is the only charter member of the City of Tampa Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council that has continually served since it was founded in 1983, and the organization has established the *Matilda Martinez Garcia Leadership Award* in honor of her over thirty years of dedication and service; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Latino's Unidos Luncheon will also include the awarding of the inaugural Matilda Martinez Garcia Leadership Award to **Rafael Martinez-Ybor** in recognition of his community service and outstanding leadership in Tampa, especially his devotion in preserving Hispanic history, heritage and culture, and his work with local organizations including the Rotary Club of Ybor City, Tampa Bay History Center, and Ybor City Museum Society; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the Annual Mayor's Latino's Unidos Luncheon assist Hispanic students in financial need, and the University of South Florida, Hillsborough Community College, and the University of Tampa have benefited from the efforts of this Council through the endowment of \$936,000 in scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have greatly enhanced our way of life in the fields of science, technology, government, business, education, the arts, and many other important areas; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic men and women have served a significant role in the development and progress of the United States, the state of Florida, and the city of Tampa.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 8, 2014 as

"LATINOS UNIDOS DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, in honor of this initiative and the Hispanic community's commitment to excellence in education, and ask that all citizens of Tampa support this occasion.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 8th day of May, 2014.



City of
Tampa
Florida

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor