

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the Hindu American community is a vibrant part of the diverse and multiethnic society that comprises the citizens of the Tampa, Florida area; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Hindu American Foundation (HAF)**, established in 2003, is a national, non-profit and non-partisan organization founded and incorporated in Tampa, Florida, with chapters throughout the United States of America, and serves as an advocacy association for the Hindu American community; and

**WHEREAS**, the vision of the Hindu American Foundation is to promote human dignity, mutual respect, and pluralism, and its mission includes speaking out about issues affecting Hindus worldwide, building bridges with institutions and individuals whose work aligns with the Foundation's objectives, and through its advocacy efforts, seeks to cultivate leaders and empower future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization endeavors to serve Hindu Americans across all Hindu religious traditions regardless of race, color, national origin, citizenship, caste, gender, sexual orientation, age and/or disability, and HAF focuses on human and civil rights, public policy, media, academia, and interfaith relations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hindu American Foundation will hold its **Annual Tampa Awareness and Gala Dinner** on November 7, 2014 at the India Cultural Center in Tampa, Florida, and the event will feature keynote speaker **Nina Davuluri, Miss America 2014**, who will share with the audience the highlights of her journey as the first contestant of Indian descent to win the Miss America crown.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 7, 2014 as

## "HINDU AMERICAN FOUNDATION DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join me in thanking the Hindu American Foundation for its contributions to the nation and the Tampa Bay community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

