

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Sant' Yago, the famous order to which the Brotherhood of the "Caballeros" of the Royal Order of St. James is dedicated, played a powerful role in the history of Spain; and

WHEREAS, just as this order in Spain contributed to the growth and prosperity of that country, the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago in Tampa, Florida has dedicated itself to the perpetuation and enhancement of their proud Latin heritage and to the continued improvement of life and cultural progress in our city; and

WHEREAS, originally discussed in 1970, the Krewe was formally organized in 1972 with a charter membership of 75, and with the first Coronation in January of 1973; and

WHEREAS, today, the **Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago** boasts a full membership of 250 and is represented each year by an El Rey (King) and his La Reina (Queen) and her Royal Court of Ladies in Waiting, Courtesans, Pages, Attendants and a Royal Sword Bearer; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to share their heritage and history, the organization annually sponsors the **Sant' Yago Illuminated Knight Parade** in Historic Ybor City as part of our city's Gasparilla festivities and participates in other cultural affairs throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, created in 1994, the **Education Foundation of the Knights of Sant' Yago** is known for its community based philanthropic history, contributing in excess of one million dollars through scholarships, endowments and matching funds and its goal is to improve the Tampa Bay community both professionally and economically through higher education; and

WHEREAS, as did the original order in Spain several hundred years ago, the members of the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago in Tampa have built closeness and fellowship, and enhanced our entire community with its spirit and dedication to preserving our city's rich history, heritage and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of February 6-14, 2015 as

"KREWE OF THE KNIGHTS OF SANT' YAGO WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in celebration of this event honoring our unique Latin cultures.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 6th day of February, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor