

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, built in Tampa, Florida in 1915, historic **Mitchell Elementary School** located at 205 Bungalow Drive began as a small neighborhood school and has served the surrounding area for a century, and is considered one of the finest public schools in Hillsborough County; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Elementary School is named in honor of the late Henry Laurens Mitchell, Florida's 16th Governor who also served as a soldier, lawyer, prosecuting attorney, Circuit Judge, Justice of the Supreme Court, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Hillsborough County, and Editor of the Florida Peninsular Newspaper; and

WHEREAS, as the neighborhood expanded and student enrollment grew, Mitchell Elementary added on to the original building and the property over the years including additional classrooms, media center, multi-purpose room and a cafeteria, and the unique character of the school with its front façade and gleaming wood flooring has remained, reflecting its history and impact on the education of Tampa's youth; and

WHEREAS, with its vision statement "Mitchell Elementary community will work together to inspire lifelong learning and service," the school has been committed to academic excellence from the early years, and it has maintained outstanding academic programs, and has been recognized numerous times for its academic performance as an "A" *Rated School* and is a recipient of the Florida Department of Education's *Florida School Recognition Award*; and

WHEREAS, through its mission of challenging all students to develop the desire, knowledge and skills necessary to reach their highest potential, Mitchell Elementary School is dedicated to educating, enriching, and preparing children for life's challenges, and many of the Mitchell Elementary School Bobcat graduates have gone on to be great leaders in the Tampa community, state of Florida, our nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of **Mitchell Elementary School's 100th Anniversary**, the celebration on Sunday, February 22, 2015 includes an old-fashioned ***Centennial Ice Cream Social*** on the front lawn of the historic school grounds, and all attendees will have the opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved over the past century.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Sunday, February 22, 2015 as

"MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to offer their congratulations to this beautiful historical school and thank Principal Deborah Anderson, the teachers, staff, and students of Mitchell Elementary School for their commitment to educational excellence.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22nd day of February, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor