

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Education Theatre Association (EdTA), a national nonprofit organization founded in 1929, is the professional association for theatre education and its mission is to make theatre a part of lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, through its focus on educational development, teacher training, and advocacy, the Education Theatre Association provides leadership and assists in improving the learning environment in the theatre arts; and

WHEREAS, the Florida State Thespian Society, with approximately 90,000 student and professional members, is a chapter of and sponsored by the Education Theatre Association, and the organization receives no funding from governmental entities and is operated by volunteers and funded through donations and registration fees; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Thespian Troupes are chartered in public and private schools throughout Florida in fifteen districts, and they represent and are committed to excellence in theatre education; and

WHEREAS, the Florida State Thespian Society hosts an annual Florida Thespians Festival, considered the largest Theatre Festival in the world, and it provides students the opportunity to enhance their theatrical and artistic skills and showcase their talents, and it features Individual Events, One Act Festivals and much more; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty-five consecutive years, the Florida State Thespian Society has honored our city by holding its annual Florida Thespian Festival event in Tampa, Florida, and we look forward to the vibrancy and talent that is brought to our community each year; and

WHEREAS, the city of Tampa once again is pleased to welcome the Florida State Thespian Society on March 25-28, 2015 for the **25th Annual Thespian Festival** with the theme for 2015, ***The 25th Annual Theatre Games***.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 25-28, 2015 as

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in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join in congratulating the Florida State Thespian Society on this milestone 25th Anniversary, and thanking them for bringing the annual Thespian Festival to Tampa, and for its dedication and contributions to student thespians throughout our state.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 2nd day of March, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor