

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, **Alpha Phi Alpha (ΑΦΑ) Fraternity, Inc.** was the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African Americans, and its mission is to develop leaders, promote brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities; and

WHEREAS, the **Gamma Zeta Lambda Tampa Alumni Chapter** of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was chartered on March 21, 1945 in the city of Tampa, Florida with the mission to uplift humanity by providing opportunity through education, community development, and social awareness, and it supports the national fraternity's traditions, objectives and vision, and for seven decades has provided service to the Tampa community; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Zeta Lambda established **GZL Educational Foundation, Inc.** in 2004 to focus on providing education and training services to improve the quality of life and living conditions for those in the community, and it accomplishes this through programs including the *Men of Tomorrow*, a mentoring program for high school students, *Brother's Keeper*, a service program, *College Life to Corporate Life Initiative*, and *Project Alpha*, a partnership program with the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation; and

WHEREAS, since 2004, the GZL Educational Foundation, Inc. has awarded over \$47,000 in scholarships, grants, academic awards, and stipends for students, and the organization is involved with facilitating various workshops and college tours; and

WHEREAS, annually Gamma Zeta Lambda Chapter and GZL Educational Foundation, Inc. host a **Black and Gold Scholarship Ball** for an evening of recognition, encouragement, entertainment, dinner and dancing, and the proceeds fund scholarships to deserving high school students; and

WHEREAS, with the 2015 event themed *Return to Elegance...70 Years of Excellence*, the Black and Gold Scholarship Ball will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Mainsail Conference and Event Center in Tampa, Florida features Roland Martin of CNN, and the evening will include celebrating Gamma Zeta Lambda's 70th Anniversary and the opportunity to reflect on all that has been accomplished over the years.

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 28, 2015 as

“GAMMA ZETA LAMBDA BLACK & GOLD BALL DAY”

and urge all citizens to join me in thanking them for their support and dedication to the citizens and youth of our community, and wishing them the best as they celebrate this 70th Anniversary milestone.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20th day of February, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor