

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. (ΦΒΣ) was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on January 9, 1914, by three young African-American students, the Honorables A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse and Charles Brown, and their purpose was to organize a Greek-letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship and service; and

WHEREAS, the founders wished to create an organization that viewed itself as a part of the general community, and not apart from it, and that each potential member should be judged on his own merits rather than on the merits of his family background or affluence, and that the fraternity should exist as part of an even greater brotherhood which would be devoted to the “inclusive we” rather than the “exclusive we;” and

WHEREAS, for over a century, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has contributed to mankind through its mission of **One Fraternity Working Together to Transform Our Communities**, and with its motto, **Culture for Service and Service for Humanity**, it has provided service around the United States of America and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the organization, celebrating its **101st Anniversary**, is committed to their mission through thousands of volunteer hours serving as mentors to young men through its “I Am My Brother’s Keeper” initiative, by supporting businesses, and with promoting education and civic involvement in communities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Eta Sigma Tampa Alumni Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was established in 1946, and for almost seven decades has been an instrumental part of the growth and economic development of the Tampa Bay area through its leadership and community service, and on Saturday, March 28, 2015, the organization will host a **Blue Tie Affair** at the Hilton Tampa Westshore Hotel, featuring an Awards Presentation honoring many of Tampa’s Great Leaders, entertainment, dinner and dancing in celebration of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity’s 101st Anniversary.

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

"PHI BETA SIGMA DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating Phi Beta Sigma on all that has been accomplished for over a century, and acknowledging the members of this fraternity for their many contributions.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 24th day of February, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

