

# In Memoriam



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. One of these individuals was **Dr. Wayne Anthony Quin, PhD.**, a well-respected and beloved Tampa, Florida Educator, Civil Rights Activist and Church Deacon who passed away on June 26, 2015 at age 55; and

**WHEREAS**, known as Anthony, Dr. Quin was born on February 25, 1960 in McComb, Mississippi, and at a young age worked alongside his mother, the late Alyene Quin, a respected Civil Rights Activist and Business Owner, in the Civil Rights Movement and in the city of McComb's Voting Rights Campaign, and for their unwavering dedication, the family suffered hardships for their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, upon graduation from high school, he attended Jackson State University, and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Behavior Disorders, Master of Arts Degree in Varying Exceptionalities, and his Doctor of Philosophy in Adult Education from the University of South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, following a successful sales and sales management career, Dr. Quin joined Hillsborough County Public Schools in 1997 when he became a charter faculty member of Howard W. Blake High School teaching students with emotional challenges and he was a Founder of the Blake Faculty Jazz Ensemble, and thereafter he brought his expertise and dedication to every level of education from kindergarten through adult high school, and served as a gifted Teacher, Administrator, Department Head in Special Education, Assistant Principal, and Principal, and he made a positive impact on the many students he taught at Tampa schools including A.P. Leto High School, George S. Middleton High School, Central City Elementary School, Gary Adult High School, Burns Middle School and C. Leon King High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Quin was deeply dedicated to Beulah Institutional Baptist Church where he was an active and instrumental part of the congregation, serving in many capacities including as a member of the Deacon Board, as a Liaison of the Ministry for Young Adults, Interim Chair of the Public Relations Ministry, Music Ministry, Church Advisory Board, and Adult Dance and Drama Ministry. His commitment extended out into the community where he was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, and the Hillsborough County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) where he had served on the Executive Board, and he was well-known for his devotion, and educating and motivating others; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Quin was a friend, mentor and inspiration to all who knew him, and he will be forever remembered as a man who was an exceptional leader, who lived his life committed to his faith, education, fairness, equality, and for his deep love of his cherished family. Although we are grieved at the loss of this outstanding citizen, his legacy will continue to live on through the improvements he brought to our community and in all those whose lives he has touched, especially his former students who were encouraged and inspired by him.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby urge all citizens to join me in publicly expressing sorrow and heartfelt appreciation to the Dr. Wayne Anthony Quin Family, his wife Dianna, his son Wayne Anthony, II, daughter Brianna, other family members, and the congregation of Beulah Baptist Institutional Baptist Church, and to express our hopes that they will take solace in their many cherished memories and the impact of his life on our city.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2015.



*Bob Buckhorn*  
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