

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Hispanic explorers, pioneers and settlers were instrumental in the evolution and progress of the United States from its beginning when Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492, and they have played a significant role the development of Tampa, Florida, contributing greatly to its rich and unique heritage; and

WHEREAS, men and women of Hispanic decent have had a positive impact in the economic growth of the Tampa Bay area, and continue to serve the region as entrepreneurs, business owners, professionals, educators, civic leaders and philanthropists; and

WHEREAS, the **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay (HCCTB)** advocates, promotes and facilitates the success of Hispanic businesses in the Tampa area, and it is a member of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce headquartered in Washington, D.C., and an organization that represents the interests of approximately 3.2 million Hispanic owned businesses nationwide and more than 200 local chamber and business associations; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Tampa Bay implements and supports programs in the Tampa Bay region that assist with the economic development of Hispanic firms, and it provides technical assistance to Hispanic entrepreneurs, businesses and associations, and it monitors legislation, policies and programs that affect the Hispanic business community, helps to increase business relationships and partnerships between the corporate sector and Hispanic-owned businesses, and the organization promotes international trade between Hispanic businesses locally and Latin America; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay is hosting the ***Hispanic Heritage Month Lunch Event*** on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at the Columbia Restaurant in Historic Ybor City, and the luncheon will feature celebrating Hispanic businesses, associations and individuals who have contributed to Tampa's history and success.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim, Tuesday, October 27, 2015 as

“HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TAMPA BAY DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to take part in activities that honor the proud history and heritage of Hispanic people, and to recognize the rich culture that has influenced and impacted our great city.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 16th day of October, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor