

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in October 1882, and one of the South's oldest high schools, **Hillsborough High School** began as a department of the Tampa Graded School System, Tampa School No. 1, with the late Marietta (Mary) Cuscaden serving as its first Principal, and the first graduation class of four students was celebrated in 1886; and

WHEREAS, the first high school in the county, historic Hillsborough High School relocated several times to accommodate its growth, and in January 1927, the cornerstone was laid at its current site in the Seminole Heights neighborhood of Tampa, Florida at 5000 Central Avenue, and over the years the gothic revival style red brick building has been renovated, restored and additional buildings constructed; and

WHEREAS, a school with *History, Tradition and Pride*, the faculty and staff of Hillsborough High School are dedicated to providing an exceptional education and the vital support which enables each student to excel as a successful and responsible citizen, and its programs include International Baccalaureate, Honors and Vocational, it has a winning athletic department, and the tradition of proudly wearing the school colors of Red and Black every Friday has continued throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, enriched with history, Hillsborough High School has made an impact in the Tampa community by educating, enriching and preparing children for higher education and life's challenges under the leadership of outstanding educators including the late Mr. Frederic Spaulding, the late Mr. Vivian Gaither, and its current principal Mr. Gary Brady, and many Hillsborough High School Terrier graduates have gone on to be great leaders in the Tampa community, state of Florida, our nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, 2016 marks several school milestones that include the *131st Graduating Class*, the *100th Edition of the Hillsborean*, the school's yearbook, the *80th Anniversary of Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC)*, and the *30th Anniversary of the Hillsborough High School Alumni Association (HHSAA)*, and in recognition of all that has been accomplished since the institution was founded, Principal Gary Brady and members of the HHSAA will welcome students, faculty, alumni, and guests to a **Decades of Greatness Celebration** held on the Hillsborough High School campus, and the special events will include the burying of a Time Capsule in the school's Positive Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 9, 2016 as

"HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating historic Hillsborough High School on these milestones, and thanking them for their continued commitment to education and the Tampa Bay community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 9th day of April, 2016.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor