

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, established in 1982, the **George Edgecomb Bar Association** is Tampa, Florida's largest predominately African American voluntary bar association; and

**WHEREAS**, the association is named for the late Honorable George E. Edgecomb, a native of West Tampa, and Hillsborough County's first African American judge, for which the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Courthouse was dedicated, and he was the first African American Chief Assistant County Solicitor and Assistant State Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, the 100 members of the George Edgecomb Bar Association strive to maintain the ideals and principles The Honorable George Edgecomb embodied during his lifetime, and are dedicated to the promotion and recognition of minorities within the legal profession and the judiciary, and following in his legacy of community leadership they are committed to increasing the legal profession's involvement in community affairs and public service; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1983, the George Edgecomb Bar Association has awarded over \$250,000 in scholarships and annually provides a Florida Four-year Prepaid College Tuition scholarship for a ninth grade African American student, and three \$1,500 tuition scholarships for graduating African American seniors of Hillsborough County Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the *George Edgecomb Bar Association's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scholarship Banquet* held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at the Hilton Tampa Downtown Hotel features the presentation of 2016 Scholarships Awards to the deserving recipients and in doing so, invests in the future leaders of our community, nation and the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 28, 2016 as

## ***"GEORGE EDGECOMB BAR ASSOCIATION DAY"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the scholarship recipients, and thanking the George Edgecomb Bar Association for all they do for the legal profession and the Tampa Bay community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

