

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, this year marks the 26th Anniversary of the Hispanic Professional Women's Association (HPWA) founded in Tampa, Florida, in May 1990 by a group of successful Hispanic women; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Professional Women's Association has been dedicated for the past twenty-six years to its mission of enhancing the image of professional Hispanic women and to promote the value of higher education; and

WHEREAS, in support of its mission, the goals of HPWA are to develop educational opportunities for Hispanic women that foster professional and personal growth, provide mentoring and financial scholarships to qualified female Hispanic students in the Tampa Bay area, and create awareness about important issues that relate to the Hispanic community; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hispanic Professional Women's Association and guest join together annually for the Scholarship Dinner and this event provides the opportunity to celebrate accomplishments, the difference it has made in the Tampa Bay community, and the impact its educational initiatives and scholarships have made in many Hispanic women's lives since the organization was established almost three decades ago; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Professional Women's Association Scholarship Dinner held on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at the Centro Asturiano Club Ballroom in Tampa, Florida, features the 2016 theme *Havana Nights*.

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, June 4, 2016 as

"HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to recognize the many contributions and the ongoing dedication of the members of the Hispanic Professional Women's Association toward a better future for our citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of May, 2016.



Brb Buchhon Mayor