

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, a brewery is a dedicated building for the making of beer, an alcoholic fermented beverage that is one of the world's most popular drink overall, and the crafting of beer is a dedicated and artful process; and

**WHEREAS**, Ybor City in Tampa, Florida was home to the first brewery in the southeastern United States when the **Florida Brewing Company** opened its doors on February 15, 1897 at 1234 East 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, where its name is still etched on the historic building, and in its prime produced 80,000 barrels of beer annually and was the leading exporter of beer to Cuba in the nation, closing its doors in 1961 as a result of the United States embargo against Cuba; and

**WHEREAS**, craft breweries are typically small companies that are independently owned and traditionally have a majority of its alcohol volume in beers, and the process of brewing is a creative process that results in delicious and distinct flavors that beer enthusiasts celebrate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay area brewers are committed to their craft and passionate about providing world class brews for people to enjoy, both locally and throughout the world, and the industry provides jobs for citizens of the community, and brings together the residents, brewers, distributors, retailers, restaurants and entertainment venues in the Tampa Bay area neighborhoods, providing an increased quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, the *Brewmasters Club* and *J.J. Taylor Distributing Florida* are hosting a **Craft Beer Ceremony** at the former historical Florida Brewing Company site, now home to Swope Rodante Law Office, to bring awareness to the significance Tampa has in the brewery industry, and to celebrate the economic, cultural, societal and historical impact that brewing has made in the state of Florida and in the Tampa Bay area.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 15, 2017 as

## **“FLORIDA CRAFT BEER DAY”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage citizens to join in the celebration that recognizes the craft brewing industry in our community and state, and to support local craft brewers.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor