

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Incorporated**, founded at Howard University, Washington, D.C. in 1908, is an international service organization comprised of more than 290,000 members, and is the oldest Greek-lettered organization established by African-American college-educated women; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated celebrates 109 years of excellence and service to all mankind, and is committed to *Launching New Dimensions of Service* to the global community through advocacy and service, and is fully dedicated to promoting peace and improving the quality of life for citizens worldwide; and

**WHEREAS, Gamma Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha**, comprised of Tampa and Hillsborough County residents, was the second graduate chapter to be chartered in the State of Florida, and has been actively involved in community service projects for over 76 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Gamma Theta Omega Chapter sponsored the first teen pageant, Miss Teenage Tampa of Alpha Kappa Alpha for African-American young ladies in 1967, and has provided educational and cultural enrichment activities for contestants to stimulate and enhance personal growth and development; and

**WHEREAS**, the 46th Miss Teenage Tampa of Alpha Kappa Alpha held on April 23, 2017, at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts features the theme “*We Will Rise Up...Eloquent Pearls For The Voiceless*” – *Celebrating 46 Years of Miss Teenage Tampa Pageantry*, and the pageant is the organization’s signature fundraiser that supports the awarding of scholarships for deserving students in the Tampa Bay community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim April 23, 2017 as

## “MISS TEENAGE TAMPA OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in recognizing Gamma Theta Omega’s many years of dedication to the nurturing and support of our young ladies through the Miss Teenage Tampa Pageant.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

