

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 1998, the **Ivory Club of Tampa Bay, Inc.** is a benevolent non-profit organization of African professionals in the Tampa Bay area committed to promoting African family values; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay is to promote family values through cultural, educational and social services, and it accomplishes its vision through key partnerships with local educational and cultural institutions, and through the generous support of its members and sponsors; and

WHEREAS, through its many activities, the Ivory Club seeks to energize the debate about cross Atlantic partnerships and continuing dialogue with the goal of engaging the community in building enduring associations and relationships which ultimately would uplift the World African Community; and

WHEREAS, the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay's main focus is centered around several programs including the Ivory Club Endowed Scholarship, International Exchange Program, Educational and Social Activities, Disaster Relief and Social Assistance, and its signature Annual Lecture Series and Gala; and

WHEREAS, the Ivory Club of Tampa Bay Inc. will host its **13th Annual Lecture Series and Gala** entitled ***Ties that Bind: Shared memory and history between Africans and African-Americans*** on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Tampa Westshore Hotel featuring guest speaker Dr. Okey Ndibe, PhD, author, educator and social commentator, and proceeds from the program will assist in raising needed funding to support the organization's philanthropic programs that include the Ivory Club Scholarship program at the University of South Florida, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, the Liberian Refugee project, the fight against the deadly Ebola disease, aid for Haiti, and the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP).

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, May 13, 2017 as

"IVORY CLUB OF TAMPA BAY DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the members of this organization for their many contributions to our community and globally.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of May, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

