

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, this year marks the 29th Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration and Historical Exhibit throughout the month of October; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic explorers, pioneers and settlers established missions and settlements that became some of America's most important urban and cultural centers, and Hispanic men and women have played a significant role in the development and progress of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, because of their energetic commitment to hard work and determination to participate fully in the American dream, Hispanic Americans provide strength, inspiration, and greatly contribute to the communities in which they live and work; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Committee, comprised of current and retired City of Tampa employees, continues its almost three decades of dedication to preserving, promoting and educating others in our community about Hispanic culture and its rich heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, to kick-off the Hispanic Employees' Appreciation Month, the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Committee will come together on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at the historic Tampa Theatre to celebrate and appreciate all city employees, especially those of Hispanic descent, and during the month of October will feature a display of Hispanic cultural art, historical items and information in the Mascotte Room, located in Old City Hall in downtown Tampa.

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

## "HISPANIC EMPLOYEES' APPRECIATION MONTH"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to take part in the activities honoring the proud history of Hispanic people and thank the members of the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Committee for their many contributions to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 26th day of September, 2017.



Bob Buchhon

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