

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the oldest secret society for college women in the world, **Alpha Delta Pi (ΑΔΠ)** Sorority, originally known as the Philomathean Society, was founded on May 15, 1851 by Eugenia Tucker on the campus of Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, the first college globally chartered to grant degrees to women; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1909, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority joined the National Panhellenic Conference, and in 1929, the Beta Zeta Chapter was established, making the organization an international sorority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alpha Delta Pi Coat of Arms includes the motto, “*We live for each other*” and the sorority is known for its diamond shaped badge, official colors of Azure Blue and White, the lion mascot known as “Alphie” and the Woodland Violet as its flower; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority is a philanthropic organization with \$1,515,410 contributed during the 2016-2017 academic year, and its dedication to the Ronald McDonald House Charities since 1979 has resulted in more than \$12,680,000 in donations; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the United States and Canada there are 155 Alpha Delta Pi Sorority chapters, and locally, the Epsilon Lambda Chapter at the University of South Florida (USF) was established in 1967, and its members have been committed to making a difference within the USF campus and the Tampa Bay community for five decades; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Epsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi will host an Anniversary Luncheon at the Embassy Suites Hotel at the University of South Florida, and the special event features Special Guests including Jan Alexander Maisch, International Vice President of Collegiate Chapters and Kelly Wiggins Pelletier, International Vice President of Finance, historical displays, and the opportunity to share all that has been accomplished over the past fifty years.

**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, September 30, 2017 as

## **“EPSILON LAMBDA CHAPTER OF ALPHA DELTA PI DAY”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the contributions Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and the Epsilon Lambda Chapter have made to our community, our nation, and around the world, and in wishing them continued success.

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



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

