

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. is an organization devoted to preserving and promoting Tampa's diverse Hispanic culture, and for over 35 years, together with corporate partners, has honored those men and women who represent excellence by their outstanding achievements, endeavors and contributions and that have helped to enrich the lives of other Hispanics in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. will again celebrate its Annual Hispanic Gala with the presentation of the **2017 Hispanic Woman of the Year Award** to a person chosen to be honored, a well-known individual admired and respected for her commitment to others, and who has dedicated her life to promoting and preserving the Hispanic culture and traditions through her community and civic service; and

**WHEREAS**, born in Tampa, Florida, this year's honoree is **Marilyn Alvarez**, who in 1996 graduated from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology and from the Hillsborough County Police Academy and thereafter joined the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) serving as Deputy Sheriff in Patrol, Street Crimes Unit, Resource Officer, and the Crimes Against Children Unit until 2005 when she was named the agency's Hispanic Liaison, responsible for bridging the Sheriff's Office and the Hispanic Community, utilizing her Spanish language skills for effective crime prevention and educational programs that are so beneficial to Tampa Bay residents and visitors, and she serves as the HCSO spokesperson for Spanish media; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Alvarez consistently demonstrates her commitment to the Tampa Bay area and is dedicated to assisting, guiding, educating and mentoring members of the Hispanic community, and her willingness to serve goes above and beyond her role with HCSO including serving on several boards such as the Sheriff's Hispanic Advisory Council, as a member of the Tampa Bay Area Refugee Task Force, working with Casa Cuba, and leading the annual Hillsborough County Sheriff's Advisory Council Awards Banquet comprised of the HCSO Black, Hispanic, and Indian Advisory Councils; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated to outreach, Deputy Alvarez assists Hillsborough County's migrant population and travels on mission trips to help those in need, and she has been honored by the community for her service and many contributions including receiving the Sheriff's Hispanic Advisory Council's *2016 Hispanic Deputy of the Year Award*, the All American Productions Viva Tampa Bay Festival's *2016 Deputy of the Year*, and she has received recognition in several Hispanic newspapers; and

**WHEREAS**, well-known in the Tampa Bay area for her commitment to the Hispanic community, ensuring their safety and well-being, and dedicated to enhancing residents' quality of life, Deputy Alvarez serves as an inspirational role model to others and certainly deserves being named the **2017 Hispanic Woman of the Year**.

**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, October 7, 2017 as

**MARILYN ALVAREZ,  
HISPANIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR DAY**

in the city of Tampa, Florida and call upon all residents to join me in recognizing, commending and thanking her for all she contributes to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor