

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 almost eighty years; and

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

WHEREAS, the 47th *Miss Teenage Tampa of Alpha Kappa Alpha* held on Sunday, March 18, 2018, at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts features the theme *Reclaiming Our Team: Sparkling Pearls of Purpose, Potential and Power*, 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 Sunday, March 18, 2018 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 21st day of February, 2018.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

