

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, established in 1982, the **George Edgecomb Bar Association** is Tampa, Florida's largest predominately African American voluntary bar association; and

**WHEREAS**, the association is named for the late Honorable George E. Edgecomb, a native of West Tampa, and Hillsborough County's first African American judge, for which the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Courthouse was dedicated, and he was the first African American Chief Assistant County Solicitor and Assistant State Attorney; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the George Edgecomb Bar Association strive to maintain the ideals and principles The Honorable George Edgecomb embodied during his lifetime, and are dedicated to the promotion and recognition of minorities within the legal profession and the judiciary, and following in his legacy of community leadership they are committed to increasing the legal profession's involvement in community affairs and public service; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1983, the George Edgecomb Bar Association has invested in future leaders of our community, nation, and world by awarding well over \$250,000 in scholarships, and the organization annually provides a Florida Four-year Prepaid College Tuition scholarship for a ninth grade African American student, two \$2,500 Hillsborough Community College matching scholarships for graduating African American seniors of Hillsborough County Public Schools, and two \$1,500 bar study preparation scholarships for third year law students at Stetson University College of Law and Western Michigan University-Cooley Law School; and

**WHEREAS**, the ***George Edgecomb Bar Association's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Banquet*** held on Monday, April 23, 2018 at the Hilton Tampa Downtown Hotel is hosted by the George Edgecomb Bar Association in partnership with Moffitt Cancer Center's George Edgecomb Society, and the event features keynote speaker Dick Vitale, Sports Commentator and member of the V Foundation's Board of Directors, and the presentation of the Francisco Rodriguez Award, the Delano S. Stewart Award, and the 2018 Scholarships Awards to this year's deserving recipients.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, April 23, 2018 as

***"GEORGE EDGECOMB BAR ASSOCIATION DAY"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the scholarship recipients, and thanking the George Edgecomb Bar Association for all they do for the legal profession and the Tampa Bay community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2018.



*City of*  
**Tampa**  
Florida

*Bob Buckhorn*  
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Mayor