

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in 1908, **Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church** was located on the corner of Rome Avenue and La Salle Street until 1909, when Daniel Rolf, a Church founder, donated the land at La Salle Street and Fremont Avenue, and one hundred years later, a new church was dedicated on the site in June 2008; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gregory V. Gay has served as Mount Olive A.M.E. Church's Pastor since 2010, and the Church is well known for having its doors open to the community for prayer, guidance, friendship, consultations with its Pastors, and hosting neighborhood meetings, and its motto is ***God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer and Man Our Brother***, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is to minister to the spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional and environmental needs of all people by spreading Christ's liberating gospel through work and deed, and Mount Olive A.M.E. Church has supported this mission for over a century and promotes it within the Tampa community; and

WHEREAS, striving to be an *Inclusive Family of Believers*, Mount Olive A.M.E. Church nurtures God's people by building communities one family at a time through *Reaching, Teaching and Preaching* the good news of Jesus Christ, and it is committed to connecting individuals to Christ - *Hallelujah!*; and

WHEREAS, for the past 110 years, Mount Olive A.M.E. Church and the membership have consistently contributed to the Tampa Bay community through initiatives and outreach ministries including Feeding America Food Distribution, hot meals to seniors, health and wellness programs, youth activities, and music and arts programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate Reverend Gregory V. Gay, Pastor, and the congregation on this **110th Anniversary Celebration** with *A Night of Elegance in Paradise Banquet* Friday, September 15, 2018, and a *Special Celebration Service* on Sunday, September 23, 2018 featuring the theme ***For Just One Day in Paradise, as We Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ on the Mount of Olive***, and we extend our best wishes for God's blessings and continued success.

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, September 23, 2018 as

“MOUNT OLIVE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the rich history and many contributions this church and its members have made to our community through the years.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 9th day of August, 2018.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

