

# In Memoriam



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. One of these individuals was **Amy Gross Shimberg**, a beloved and respected Community Leader, Educator and Advocate who passed away on Monday, December 31, 2018, at age 94; and

**WHEREAS**, born on September 12, 1924 in New York, New York to the late Rose and Sydney Gross, Mrs. Shimberg received her Bachelor's Degree from New York University and her Master's Degree in Education from Columbia University, and thereafter she taught school in New York and Florida, and a year following her marriage to the late James Shimberg, Tampa, Florida became her home in 1958; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Shimberg was deeply devoted to the community and served with many organizations including Meals on Wheels where she delivered meals to the needy for almost five decades and served on its board in leadership roles for twenty-five years, and she was committed to public education throughout her lifetime, especially demonstrated through her involvement in Parent Teacher Associations (PTA), often serving as President, and she was a strong advocate for Nature's Classroom, leading fundraising efforts to ensure that future children would have the benefit of its hands-on environmental program; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Shimberg served as a role model for others through her tireless contributions and generosity to the community including through the James and Amy Shimberg Charitable Trust and the James and Amy Shimberg Foundation, and she was recognized with the Tampa Bay Lightning's *Community Hero Award*, and along with her husband James, received the Tampa Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professional's *Philanthropist of the Year Award*; and

**WHEREAS**, known as an inspiration to all who knew her, she will be forever remembered for her deep love of family and friends, her integrity, strength, energy, and caring and positive nature, and although we are grieved at the loss of this extraordinary citizen, her legacy will continue to live on through her contributions to our community and in all those whose lives she touched and encouraged.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby urge all citizens to join me in publicly expressing sorrow and heartfelt appreciation to the Amy Gross Shimberg Family, her sons James, Jr., Robert, and Richard, her daughters Nancy and Janet, brother Sydney, grandchildren and other family members, and to express our hopes that they will take solace in their many cherished memories and the impact of her life on our city.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2019.



*Bob Buckhorn*  
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