

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1914 by three young African-American students, the Honorables A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse and Charles Brown, and their purpose was to organize a Greek-letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship and service; and

WHEREAS, the founders wished to create an organization that viewed itself as a part of the general community, and not apart from it, and that each potential member should be judged on his own merits rather than on the merits of his family background or affluence, and that the fraternity should exist as part of an even greater brotherhood which would be devoted to the “inclusive we” rather than the “exclusive we;” and

WHEREAS, the Gamma Eta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, in conjunction with The Crescent Foundation, the non-profit organization created in 2005, is holding its sixth annual Scholarship and Community Awards Banquet to recognize and honor graduating seniors who have excelled as members of the local Phi Beta Sigma Chapter, the Fraternity’s “Sigma Beta Club” Youth Auxiliary group and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, it is sincerely believed to be a worthwhile act to designate a day in honor of Phi Beta Sigma and recognize their commitment to providing programs and activities intended to assist young men to excel in contemporary society, focusing on job training and saving investments, education enrichment and mentoring, childhood obesity health and wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2011 as

"PHI BETA SIGMA DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in acknowledging the members of this fraternity for their many contributions to our citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 16th day of May, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

