

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, George Schroeder Middleton Senior High School opened its doors in East Tampa as the first high school for African Americans in Hillsborough County in 1934, and was named for a local humanitarian, businessman, and supporter of public education; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1971, the Hillsborough County desegregation plan closed the high school and formed Middleton Junior High School; and

**WHEREAS**, a new Middleton Senior High School located at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Osborne Avenue became a reality on June 30, 2000 because of the combined efforts and commitment of the alumni of Middleton High School; and

**WHEREAS**, in the seventy-seven years of Middleton High School's commitment to excellence, it has produced many distinguished graduates that have contributed greatly to the Tampa community, and to the state of Florida, and those individuals include City, County and State representatives, as well as civic leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Middleton High School class of 1971 is celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> year reunion June 9-12, 2011 with a celebration banquet on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Cuban Hall Patio on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Ybor City and will recognize the successful efforts of those who vowed that they would not rest until the doors of Middleton High School were reopened.

**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 11, 2011 as

## “MIDDLETON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971 DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in celebrating with Middleton alumni, supporters, and students on this special day.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

