

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs (TOBA), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, created in 1979 by Robert Morrison, David McQuay and Delano S. Stewart to address political, educational, social, and economic development concerns in the Tampa, Florida black community in a meaningful manner, and the vision and mission of inspiring, empowering and preparing new generations of leaders was set forth; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to its goals for over 30 years, TOBA has been the catalyst for leadership within the business community through the promotion of minority/African American economic development by supporting increased black business ownership, opportunities for advancement in the workplace, and awareness by the African American consumer; and

WHEREAS, these goals also include promoting political education, voter registration and participation, the encouragement of minority individuals to seek elected and appointed public positions, and youth development by encouragement and supporting academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, TOBA achieves its mission and goals through several programs and events that have been become important parts of the Tampa Bay community, including the Youth Heritage Oratorical Contest, TOBA Radio Show, Minority Business Expo, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Swim Team, Youth Heritage Essay and Arts contests, Ladies in Training Mentor & Sponsorship Program, and the Fall Holiday Mixer; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2012 the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs will host its 32nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Breakfast at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Tampa honoring the principles of Dr. King with the theme “**The March Continues: The Right Time to Do What is Right,**” and the event will foster positive community relations, recognize corporations and individuals for their positive contributions to the community, and feature keynote speaker Dr. Paulette C. Walker, National First Vice President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2012 as

“TAMPA ORGANIZATION OF BLACK AFFAIRS DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking them for contributions to our community and wishing them success in their continued efforts to build upon the rich heritage, traditions and missions of this valued organization.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15th day of December, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor