

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, known as the “Father of Black History,” and the founder of Black History Month, Dr. Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950) was an author, historian, publisher and leader, and he understood the importance of a proper education when striving to secure and make the most out of one’s divine right of freedom, and he became the second African American to receive his PhD at Harvard University in 1912; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the scarcity of information on the accomplishments of African Americans, Dr. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) in 1915, and under his leadership the organization created research and publication outlets for African American scholars with the establishment of the Journal of Negro History in 1916 and the Negro History Bulletin in 1937; and

WHEREAS, annually for the past 25 years and in honor of Dr. Woodson, the Gamma Omicron Boulé Chapter of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and Gamma Omicron Educational Services, Tampa, Florida host the Carter G. Woodson Lecture Series, and its mission is to offer an opportunity to enrich the community with thought provoking and enlightening lectures; and

WHEREAS, the Carter G. Woodson Lecture Series features great and profound speakers from around the world providing a platform for the community to be educated and inspired, and serves as a vehicle for Gamma Omicron Boulé and Gamma Omicron Educational Services to raise support for scholarships for deserving youth in the Tampa community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson believed themes were important in order to bring to the public’s attention important developments that merit emphasis, and the theme for the 2012 Carter G. Woodson Lecture Series, held at the Hyatt Regency Tampa on March 31, 2012 is **“Embracing Our Greatest Asset: Leaders, Mentors and Role Models”** and features keynote speaker Harvard Law Professor, Charles Ogletree, Jr., Founding Director of the Charles Hamilton Institute for Race and Justice and former advisor to President Barack Obama.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2012 as

“CARTER G. WOODSON LECTURE SERIES DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the members of Gamma Omicron Boulé and Gamma Omicron Educational Services on the 25th Anniversary of hosting the Carter G. Woodson Lecture Series on behalf of our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of March, 2012.

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

