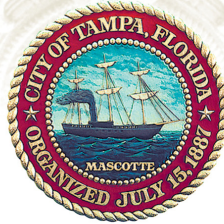# Proclamation

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 1982, the George Edgecomb Bar Association is Tampa, Florida's largest predominately African American voluntary bar association; and

WHEREAS, the association is named for the late Honorable George E. Edgecomb, a native of West Tampa, and Hillsborough County's first African American judge, for which the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Courthouse was dedicated, and first African American Chief Assistant County Solicitor and Assistant State Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the 100 members of the George Edgecomb Bar Association strive to maintain the ideals and principles The Honorable George Edgecomb embodied during his lifetime, and are dedicated to the promotion and recognition of minorities within the legal profession and the judiciary, and following in his legacy of community leadership they are committed to increasing the legal profession's involvement in community affairs and public service; and

WHEREAS, annually since 1983 the George Edgecomb Bar Association has awarded scholarships to deserving Hillsborough County Public School's graduating African American seniors, and has provided a Florida Four-year Prepaid College Tuition scholarship for a ninth grade African American student; and

WHEREAS, the George Edgecomb Bar Association's 29th Annual Scholarship Banquet will be held in conjunction with the National Bar Association's Gertrude E. Rush Annual Scholarship Dinner on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Tampa.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2012 as

"GEORGE EDGECOMB BAR ASSOCIATION DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in welcoming the National Bar Association to Tampa, congratulating the scholarship recipients, and thanking the George Edgecomb Bar Association for all they do for the legal profession and the Tampa Bay community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 6th day of April, 2012.

Mayor