

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated founded at Howard University in 1908, is an international service organization comprised of more than 200,000 members, committed to achieving excellent service programs in every spectrum; and

**WHEREAS**, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated celebrated 104 years of excellence and service to all mankind on January 15, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, Gamma Theta Omega Chapter comprised of Tampa and Hillsborough County residents, was the first graduate chapter to be chartered in the State of Florida, and has been actively involved in community service projects for over 70 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Gamma Theta Omega Chapters sponsored the first teen pageant, Miss Teenage Tampa of Alpha Kappa Alpha for African-American young ladies in 1967, and has provided educational and cultural enrichment activities for contestants to stimulate and enhance personal growth and development; and

**WHEREAS**, the 41<sup>st</sup> Miss Teenage Tampa of Alpha Kappa Alpha supports scholarships and community service programs for youth and its 2012 theme is “**Timeless Treasures: Reflecting on the Past and Embracing the Future,**” showcasing accomplishments of significant women from the past to the present..

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim May 6, 2012 as

## **“MISS TEENAGE TAMPA OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in recognizing Gamma Theta Omega’s many years of dedication to the nurturing and support of our young ladies through the Miss Teenage Tampa pageant.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

