

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, chartered in 1929 in Jacksonville, Texas, Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) International was founded by Adelia Prichard with the mission of preparing its members to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, since World War II ended, ESA expanded its focus to include philanthropic projects and public service activities, and the first organizations they supported included the United Service Organization (USO) and the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, for more than 80 years, ESA has supported its mission through the organization's commitment to making a positive difference for its members and meets this goal with educational, leadership, and service programs, and the members are dedicated to making their communities and the world a better place by contributing personal service hours to local causes and charities; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was adopted by ESA as its first international service project and the organization has raised over \$150 million in cash and pledges, and this year, on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of this partnership, they are reaffirming their commitment to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Florida State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha will hold its State Convention May 17-19, 2012 at the Hilton Westshore in Tampa, Florida, and will take the opportunity to celebrate all that has been accomplished and plan for the future.

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 17, 2012 as

"EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA DAY"

and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the organization and members for their support and dedication to the communities in which they serve, their commitment to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and wishing them continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of May, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

