

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (ΩΨΦ), Incorporated** was founded on November 17, 1911 by three undergraduate students, Edgar Amos Love, Frank Colman, Oscar James Cooper, and their faculty advisor, Dr. Ernest Everette Just, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, eleven undergraduate men were selected to be the charter members and “*Friendship is essential to the soul*” was chosen as the motto with **Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance** and **Uplift** adopted as its Cardinal Principles, and on October 28, 1914 Omega Psi Phi was officially incorporated; and

**WHEREAS**, today Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., has over 700 chapters throughout the United States, Bermuda, Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Korea, Japan, Liberia, Germany, and Kuwait, and many notable Omega Psi Phi men are recognized as leaders in the arts, sciences, academics, athletics, business, civil rights, government and science sectors at local, national and international levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is a private, nonprofit organization of college educated men and the members perform public service guided by mandated programs of Omega Psi Phi which include Social Action Programs, High School Talent Hunts, Health Initiatives, College Education Fund contributions, Voter Education and Registration, NAACP participation and awarding scholarships to deserving college bound students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Statewide Organization of Omega Psi Phi, Inc., hosted by the Epsilon Mu Mu Chapter, will hold its 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop on September 13-16, 2012 at the Marriott Tampa Westshore Hotel in Tampa, Florida with the theme “*Fellowship, Laying the Foundation for the Next 100 Years.*”

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2012 as

## ***“FLORIDA STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION OF OMEGA PSI PHI (ΩΨΦ) FRATERNITY, INC., DAY”***

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Fraternity for all it has contributed to communities both locally and nationally, and wishing them continued success in the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

