

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Akilah Institute for Women is a college in Kigali, Rwanda, that transforms the lives of young women by empowering them with the skills, knowledge, and confidence necessary to find meaningful employment and self-direction; and

WHEREAS, the Akilah Institute opened its first campus in January, 2010, with a rigorous two-year curriculum that emphasizes leadership, communication and entrepreneurial skills; in addition to meeting these high academic standards, all students engage in public speaking and ethics courses, community service, and over 240 hours of internship experience; and

WHEREAS, the first class of thirty-seven Akilah students will accept their diplomas in August, 2012 and join the business community, utilizing the diverse and relevant skills they have gained over the past three years; and

WHEREAS, the Akilah Institute will celebrate the graduation of its first class with a one-hundred percent employment rate and is expecting a tenfold increase in the income of its graduates; and

WHEREAS, through its commitment and action, the Akilah Institute has given this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to thirty-seven devoted scholars, and its goal is to serve many more in the future through its vision of developing five campuses in East Africa over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd Annual Metropolitan Safari held on the evening of September 28, 2012 at the Tampa Yacht Club in Tampa, Florida will feature African music and dance, and two Akilah Institute students visiting the United States for the first time will share their experiences and meet dedicated supporters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2012 as

“AKILAH INSTITUTE OF RWANDA DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating Akilah Institute and the 2012 Graduates on this milestone and wishing them success in the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, on this 28th day of September, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

