

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) formed in 1909 is the oldest, largest and strongest civil rights organization in the United States of America and remains relevant in championing justice for all people; and

WHEREAS, having a long, tumultuous and rewarding history, the real story of the nation's most significant civil rights organization lies in the hearts and minds of the people who would not stand still while the rights of some of America's citizens were denied; and

WHEREAS, from the ballot box to the classroom, the dedicated workers, organizers and leaders who forged this great organization and worked to maintain its status as a champion of social justice, fought long and hard to ensure that the voices of African Americans would be heard and from bold investigations of mob brutality, protests of mass murders, segregation and discrimination, it was the talent and tenacity of NAACP members that saved lives and changed many negative aspects of American society; and

WHEREAS, the principal objective of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority group citizens of the United States in the electoral process and is actively engaged in increasing the African American responsiveness of citizens to be fully engaged in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough County NAACP, established in 1917, has provided the Tampa Bay area with solutions to many of the problems that plague our society, including violent crimes, unemployment, health care and education, and it seeks to remove barriers of racial discrimination through normal democratic processes, informs legislatures of the importance of enacting laws securing civil rights to end discrimination, and is committed to our community to secure Civil Rights for all its residents; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP will host its signature **Freedom Fund Dinner** on October 18, 2012 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel with the theme ***Civic Engagement — There is Power in Numbers*** and it will be an evening of Recognition and Celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2012 as

"HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY NAACP DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to become familiar and involved in the work of this most worthwhile organization and to join me in recognizing and honoring all those who have committed themselves to its goals through the years.

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



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

