

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (ΔΣΘ), Incorporated** is an organization of college-educated women who perform public service initiatives, and has grown over the years to become the largest African-American Greek-lettered sorority in the world with more than 900 alumnae and collegiate chapters located throughout the United States and around the world, including the Bahamas, Bermuda, England, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the Virgin Islands; and

**WHEREAS,** established in 1913 by twenty-two women on the Howard University Campus in Washington, D.C., the organization remains true to the Founders' vision of promoting academic excellence, providing scholarship assistance, supporting the underserved, educating and stimulating participation in the establishment of positive public policy, and highlighting issues and providing solutions to problems in their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is faithfully committed to the *Five Point Programmatic Thrust* of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement, as established 100 years ago; and

**WHEREAS,** Delta Sigma Sorority began their commitment to service a century ago with their participation in the 1913 Women's Suffrage March on Washington, D.C., and remain active members in organizations such as the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and National Council of Negro Women (NCNW); and

**WHEREAS,** members of the Tampa Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta exemplify the spirit of the Founders through their roles as educators, advocates and activists, both professionally and voluntarily, endeavoring to improve the quality of life and overall well-being of their communities through events that include financial planning workshops, scholarship and awards programs, charitable giving, health and wellness seminars, and political forums and voter registration drives.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2013 as

## **“DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY (ΔΣΘ) DAY”**

and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on its Centennial Anniversary, and thanking them for all they have contributed to our community, nation and world over the years.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

