

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Incorporated, founded at Howard University, Washington, D.C. in 1908, is an international service organization comprised of more than 260,000 members, and is the oldest Greek-lettered organization established by African-American college-educated women; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated celebrated 105 years of excellence and service to all mankind on January 15, 2013 and is committed to the global community through advocacy and service, and is dedicated to promoting peace and improving the quality of life for citizens worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Theta Omega Chapter, comprised of Tampa and Hillsborough County residents, was the first graduate chapter to be chartered in the State of Florida, and has been actively involved in community service projects for over 70 years; and

WHEREAS, Gamma Theta Omega Chapter sponsored the first teen pageant, Miss Teenage Tampa of Alpha Kappa Alpha for African-American young ladies in 1967, and has provided educational and cultural enrichment activities for contestants to stimulate and enhance personal growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the 42nd Miss Teenage Tampa of Alpha Kappa Alpha, held on April 14, 2013 at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts features the 2013 theme **BE YOU TIFUL – Strands of Pearlfection – “Celebrating the Beauty Within.”**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida do hereby proclaim April 14, 2013 as

“MISS TEENAGE TAMPA OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in recognizing Gamma Theta Omega’s many years of dedication to the nurturing and support of our young ladies through the Miss Teenage Tampa pageant.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 4th day of April, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

