

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Beta Sigma Phi (ΒΣΦ) Sorority, founded on April 30, 1931 in Abilene, Kansas by Walter W. Ross, is the world's largest Greek letter women's service, cultural, and social organization, and is known as *The Friendship Organization*; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past eight decades, Beta Sigma Phi has grown to over 200,000 members in 12,500 chapters in every state in the United States of America, in each province in Canada, and in 30 other countries around the world, and locally, there are 12 chapters in the city of Tampa, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beta Sigma Phi symbol is the Torch, official colors are Black and Gold, and the motto of the organization is *Life* (Beta), *Learning* (Sigma), and *Friendship* (Phi); and

**WHEREAS**, Beta Sigma Phi is composed of women working for nearly every known charitable, health and cultural organization, raising money, and donating time and effort to those in need, locally and internationally, and members are encouraged to grow personally, while also participating in the growth of others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beta Sigma Phi Fund Programs, including the International Endowment, Disaster Relief, Scholarship, and Breast Cancer Research, provides for and supports, charities, organizations, members, and communities locally and around the world.

**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 30, 2013 as

## “BETA SIGMA PHI DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the contributions Beta Sigma Phi and its members have made to our community and around the world and wishing them continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

