

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS, Pi Kappa Phi (ΠΚΦ)** Fraternity was founded in 1904 in Charleston, South Carolina to create leadership opportunities for its members, and its mission is *We will Lead*, and leadership is the root of the organization; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1977, Pi Kappa Phi established **Push America**, a nonprofit organization with the purpose of instilling lifelong service in its fraternity members, serving people with disabilities, and providing a greater understanding of those with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity members raise funds and volunteer time for Push America initiatives, including renovating facilities that serve people with disabilities across the United States;

**WHEREAS,** in an effort to bring awareness to the mission of Push America, **Gear Up Florida** was created in 1977, and is comprised of young men who cross-state cycle during a two-week trip; and

**WHEREAS,** after raising more than \$97,000, the Gear Up Florida Team will travel over 900 miles, beginning their Florida journey in Miami on May 11<sup>th</sup> and arriving in Tallahassee on May 25, 2013, stopping in thirteen cities along the way, including Tampa on May 17<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** during the stops in each of the cities, the cyclist will visit twenty organizations and centers for people with disabilities to distribute programming grants and interact with participants, and they will carry their message of acceptance and understanding across the state of Florida during their journey.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2013 as

## **“GEAR UP FLORIDA DAY”**

and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the members of Gear Up Florida on their accomplishment, and thanking the Push America Program of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity for all they have contributed on behalf of disabled persons in our community, state, and nation over the years.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

*City of*  
**Tampa**  
Florida