

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 1899, Jesuit High School of Tampa, Florida was founded by the Jesuit priests of Sacred Heart Church located in downtown Tampa, and was first named Sacred Heart College with five young boys enrolled, changing its name in 1929 to Tampa College, and in 1940, renamed Jesuit High School in honor of the 400th Anniversary of the founding of the Jesuit Order; and

WHEREAS, as the school grew and enrollment increased, Jesuit High School dedicated its present Himes Avenue campus in 1956, and has continued its tradition as an outstanding leader in academics, following the 460 year old tradition of Jesuit education, for more than a century; and

WHEREAS, Jesuit High School is a college preparatory school whose aim is to foster the development of its students to their full potential, to bring them closer to God, and help them become leaders of the world, and its mission is to labor to form men engaged in the world who are dedicated to serving God by being open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving and just; and

WHEREAS, along with academic and spiritual excellence, the Jesuit Tigers have excelled in athletics from the early years, including winning the State Class A Basketball Title in 1950, the first Catholic school to do so, the football, baseball, and soccer teams all winning state championship titles in 3A and 4A classifications, and the Jesuit Athletics Program being awarded the 2005-2006 Florida High School Athletics Association All-Sports Award; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the recent Jesuit Tigers Varsity Basketball Team winning the 5A State Championship Title with a 31-1 season record, and Head Coach Neal Goldman named Class 5A Coach of the Year, The City of Tampa, Florida is hosting a Victory Rally at City Hall Plaza on May 17, 2013, in celebration of Tampa's Champions.

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

“JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to offer their congratulations to these outstanding students and athletes, and thank Jesuit High School for its commitment to the youth of our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17th day of May, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

