

# 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, Jamaica, 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, Inc. began their dedication to service a century ago and has focused its attention on addressing the needs of communities worldwide, including the Tampa Bay region where sorority members have committed themselves to projects including the Jabberwock Scholarship Fundraiser, Arts and Letters Book Drive, Dr. Jeanne Nobel Delta GEMS Institute, Impact Day of Service, Delta Days at the Capitol, Moving Our Kids, Annual Family Learning Fair and Strengthening our Future; and

**WHEREAS,** to commemorate its founding on January 13, 1913, Delta Sigma Sorority, Inc. launched an international twenty-two city **Delta Torch** tour on January 1, 2013 with the theme "**Maintain the Flame, Continue the Vision,**" and the journey will culminate at the Sorority's 51<sup>st</sup> National Convention in Washington, D.C. on July 11-17, 2013;

**WHEREAS,** Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has selected Tampa as the only city in the state of Florida to carry and pass on the torch as a burning symbol of passion and commitment to the organization's global reach, and the local Tampa Alumnae, Tampa Metropolitan Alumnae, Kappa Iota and Tau Iota Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, along with affiliate chapters from across Florida, will present the **Delta Torch** on May 18, 2013.

**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 18, 2013 as

## "DELTA TORCH DAY"

and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

