

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the **National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.** (NC100BW) is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to community service, leadership development, and enhancement of career opportunities for Women of Color to meet their diverse needs; and

WHEREAS, the **Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.**, established in 1988, advocates on behalf of women through national and local actions, with the mission to empower women to achieve their full potential in areas that include Health, Education, Political and Public Policy, Economic Empowerment and Leadership Development; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. will host its “**21st Annual Gourmet Gents Culinary Fanfare**” event at Higgins Hall in Tampa, Florida on Sunday, June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, organized in Tampa in 1992, the Gourmet Gents event offers an opportunity for fellowship and the sampling of great food, and serves as a fundraiser for the Coalition’s Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to deserving African-American female scholars in our community; and

WHEREAS, due to the commitment and dedication of volunteer chefs, the Coalition has been able to provide scholarships in the past to young women in Hillsborough County to attend the college, university, or trade school of their choice, thereby providing life-changing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, food will be prepared by over 100 celebrity and gourmet chefs, ranging from business leaders to elected officials from the Tampa Bay area, and participants will be able to enjoy their samples alongside those from local participating restaurants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to join in thanking and congratulating the Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. and all those who have been involved in its history and growth, on the 21st Anniversary celebration of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2013 as

“GOURMET GENTS DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and call on all members of the community to join me in recognizing this worthwhile event, the Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., participants and volunteers for their commitment to providing scholarships that assist worthy students.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 30th day of June, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor