

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. (NC100BW) is a non-profit, volunteer organization founded on October 24, 1981 and is dedicated to community service, leadership development, and enhancement of career opportunities for Women of Color to meet their diverse needs; and

WHEREAS, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. currently has more than 6,000 members in the United States throughout 60 chapters, representing 25 states and the District of Columbia, and they are committed to being a unified voice for more than 14 million Black women across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. was chartered in 1988 by The Honorable Arthenia L. Joyner, Esquire and Florida State Senator, along with 35 founding members of diverse backgrounds, and it advocates on behalf of women through national and local actions; and

WHEREAS, an organization of professional volunteer women, its mission is 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 consists of "Women Making a Difference" and the organization is focused on initiatives vital to the community, including career exploration, voter education, and awarding scholarships to young women to further their education thereby providing life-changing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 15, 2013 the Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. will host a 25th Anniversary Celebration at the Sheraton Suites Tampa Airport Westshore Hotel with the theme *Reflecting on the Past, A Vision for the Future; A Silver Celebration*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2013 as

"TAMPA BAY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF 100 BLACK WOMEN DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and call on all members of the community to join me in thanking the Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., for all they have contributed to our community and in wishing them continued success in the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of September, 2013.

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