

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1967 by The Reverend James Cleveland and incorporated in Detroit, Michigan, **Gospel Music Workshop of America, Incorporated** (GMWA) was created to produce a venue for the perpetuation and promotion of gospel music, and its mission is to advance the Christian ideal through the medium of music by joining together gospel choirs, choruses, singers, and songwriters in a voluntary association for education, cooperation, promotion, and the communication of ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the GMWA are comprised of both professional and amateur Gospel vocalists, instrumentalists, composers, arrangers, directors, and producers, and the well-respected organization has chapters in the United States of America, United Kingdom, Caribbean, Europe, and Asia; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, delegates assemble in a selected city for the Gospel Music Workshop of America's annual convention, and with the motto with the national convention motto of ***Where Everybody is Somebody***, they join together to teach, learn and perform; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America was founded in 1993 with the purpose of establishing an association of Gospel choirs, ensembles, and instrumentalists to enhance and upgrade the creation and presentation of Gospel music throughout the Tampa Bay area; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization's goals include fostering creation and performance of excellent Gospel music, providing continuing education and development of Gospel music programs in a workshop format, and teaching the principles of Christianity through Gospel music disciplines, and throughout the year the members participate in community events including the Gasparilla Music Festival, Paint Your Heart Out Tampa, Veterans Administration Outreach Program, and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of two decades of devotion to Gospel music and the community, the Tampa Bay Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America will host a **20<sup>th</sup> Choir Anniversary Celebration** on September 20-21, 2013 at the New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Tampa, Florida.

**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 21, 2013 as

## **“TAMPA BAY CHAPTER OF THE GOSPEL MUSIC WORKSHOP OF AMERICA DAY”**

and urge all citizens to join me in thanking them for their dedication to Gospel music and the Tampa Bay community, and wishing them the best in their future endeavors.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

