

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the **Ybor City Museum Society** (the Society), a non-profit organization, was established in 1982 and was the first of more than 80 Citizen Support Organizations (CSO) for Florida's state parks, with Bob Martinez, former Governor of Florida and former Mayor of Tampa being its first honorary member; and

WHEREAS, the Society is committed to its mission to *Preserve, Promote* and *Celebrate* the unique cultural heritage of Ybor City, one of only two National Historic Landmark Districts in Florida, and ensures that its significant rich history remains at the forefront of Tampa culture; and

WHEREAS, the Ybor City Museum Society plays an integral part in ensuring that future generations learn about the key role Ybor City and its early residents played in Tampa's development, and to achieve the goals of the Society's mission, it hosts the annual Ybor City Heritage & Festival, the Legacy Awards Brunch, and through its support of the Ybor City Museum State Park it creates exhibits, programs, educational tours, and provides resources and research tools; and

WHEREAS, the Ybor City Museum State Park consists of a main exhibit space housed in the historic Ferlita Baker building, as well as a lush Mediterranean-style garden and a casita, and exhibits at the museum allow visitors to explore topics such as the founders of Ybor City, the history of the cigar industry, and the various immigrant ethnic groups who worked in and called the community home; and

WHEREAS, the Society's dedicated Volunteers and Board of Directors work to provide Tampa residents and visitors an enjoyable learning environment for all generations, including walking and oral tours, school field trips, on-line research, web links, and the Museum Store, a vintage 1920's bungalow with unique items and gifts including locally-made ceramics and art, books on local culture and heritage, and hand-made cigars; and

WHEREAS, the Ybor City Museum Society will host a **30th Anniversary Celebration** on Saturday, September 28, 2013 in the ballroom of the Historic Italian Club, and will honor those that have been so instrumental in creating the successes of the organization over the past three decades.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 28, 2013 as

"YBOR CITY MUSEUM SOCIETY DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the many volunteers, donors, and citizens who have contributed to their success over the last 30 years and wishing them continued success in the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 27th day of September, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor