

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs (TOBA), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, created in 1979 by Robert Morrison, David McQuay and Delano S. Stewart to address political, educational, social, and economic development concerns in the Tampa, Florida African American community in a meaningful manner, and the vision and mission of inspiring, empowering and preparing new generations of leaders was set forth; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated to its goals for over 30 years, TOBA has been the catalyst for leadership within the business community through the promotion of minority/African American economic development by supporting increased African American business ownership, opportunities for advancement in the workplace, and awareness by the African American consumer; and

**WHEREAS**, these goals also include promoting political education, voter registration and participation, the encouragement of minority individuals to seek elected and appointed public positions, and youth development by encouragement and supporting academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, TOBA achieves its mission and goals through several programs and events that have become important parts of the Tampa Bay community, including the Youth Heritage Oratorical Contest, TOBA Radio Show, Minority Business Expo, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Swim Team, Youth Heritage Essay and Arts contests, Ladies in Training Mentor & Sponsorship Program, and the Fall Holiday Mixer; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2014 the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs will host its 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Breakfast at the Hilton Tampa Downtown Hotel honoring the principles of Dr. King with the theme “**Remembering the Dream/Delivering the Promise**,” and the event will foster positive community relations, recognize corporations and individuals for their positive contributions to the community, and will feature keynote speaker The Reverend Dr. Calvin R. Butts III, President of State University of New York College at Old Westbury and Pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church in the city of New York.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2014 as

## **“TAMPA ORGANIZATION OF BLACK AFFAIRS DAY”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking TOBA for contributions to our community and wishing them success in their continued efforts to build upon the rich heritage, traditions and missions of this valued organization.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

