Proclamation

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the University of Missouri (MU) was founded 175 years ago on February 11, 1839, in Columbia, Missouri as the first state university west of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the state of Missouri's largest public research university, the University of Missouri is a major land-grant institution with a statewide mission of service to citizens, and its Statement of Values includes duty to acquire, create, transmit and preserve knowledge, and to promote understanding; and

WHEREAS, the University of Missouri's mascot is the **Tiger**, and the university is also known by its nickname "**Mizzou**" originating in 1905 when it was mentioned in the *Missouri Alumni Quarterly* magazine, now called the *Mizzou*; and

WHEREAS, established in 2008, the Tampa Bay Tigers Chapter of the Mizzou Alumni Association, with approximately 1,400 members in the Tampa Bay area, provide scholarships to local students attending the University of Missouri, network, and engage in community service activities including beach clean-ups and volunteering with local organizations such as Big Cat Rescue; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the University of Missouri's 175th Anniversary, the Tampa Bay Tigers Chapter will host a Founder's Day Reception on Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at Brio Tuscan Grille in Tampa, Florida, and will welcome Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, the newly installed 22nd Chancellor of the University of Missouri.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 5, 2014 as

"TAMPA BAY TIGERS MIZZOU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the University of Missouri on this 175th Anniversary milestone and thank the members of the Tampa Bay Tigers Chapter for their contributions to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 4th day of February, 2014.

Bob Buckhorn
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Mayor

City of **Tampa** Florida