

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, established in 1919, the Order of DeMolay was founded by Frank S. Land in Kansas City, Missouri, and it is a character building organization of young men from twelve to twenty-one years of age dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, with adults serving as advisors, these young men are taught to prepare themselves to become better citizens and leaders for tomorrow through the use of a variety of self-directed, real world applications and activities utilizing hands-on experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, DeMolay helps develop traits of character, which strengthen good men of all ages, by teaching the leadership skills, civic awareness, and personal responsibility that are vital for positive development and success; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization has carried out the aforementioned goals for almost a century through programs of athletic competition, social activity, civic service and charitable projects; and

**WHEREAS**, in Tampa, Florida, the Paul Revere Chapter of the Order of DeMolay will observe its 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2014, celebrating its position as the first DeMolay Chapter established in the state of Florida, and will use the opportunity to advise citizens of its many activities, and to recognize the millions of active and senior DeMolays throughout the world.

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

## ***“DEMOLAY MONTH”***

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in saluting the young men of the Order of DeMolay and in expressing appreciation for the fine example set by them in contributing to the welfare of our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

