

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. **The Honorable James V. Dominguez**, a well-known and respected Hillsborough County Court Judge is one such person; and

**WHEREAS**, a Tampa, Florida native born on May 10, 1947, Judge Dominguez attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Elementary School where he enjoyed being part of the basketball team, and graduated from Jesuit High School in 1965, a member of the football team. During his high school years, Judge Dominguez worked at Bayfront Market, his father's grocery store in Tampa's Palmetto Beach neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Dominguez attended the University of Florida and thereafter received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Tampa prior to receiving his Law Degree from South Texas College of Law in May 1977, where he was awarded the prestigious George T. Barrow Award; and

**WHEREAS**, during college, Judge Dominguez worked for the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department and with the Hillsborough County Welfare Board, and his first position after law school was as an Assistant Public Defender under Public Defender Mr. Judge C. Luckey; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Dominguez worked as a solo practitioner prior to his appointment to the bench in 1988, and has faithfully and fairly served the citizens of Hillsborough County and those who entered his 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Courtroom, and has presided over hundreds of county criminal and traffic cases, city code violations, and served as County Criminal Administrative Judge, and he developed and implemented the Domestic Violence Division in the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit; and

**WHEREAS**, known for his leadership, Judge Dominguez is actively involved in many professional organizations including the Florida Bar, Hillsborough County Bar, Conference of County Judges, he serves as Chairman of Hillsborough County Public Safety Coordinating Council, on the Board of Directors for Hillsborough, Inc.'s DUI Counterattack, is a member of Hillsborough County Elections Canvassing Board, Florida Supreme Court Commission on Trial Court Performance & Accountability, and a Knight in the Krewe of Sant' Yago; and

**WHEREAS**, well-respected among his peers and those in the legal profession for his ethics and dedication, Judge Dominguez has always adhered to the vision of the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit by fostering an environment for the accessible, efficient and effective administration of justice, and the City of Tampa is pleased to wish Judge James V. Dominguez best wishes in his retirement as he leaves a legacy of admiration by the citizens of Tampa for his commitment to the law, to fairness, and for the wise decisions that he made in the best interest of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 13, 2014 as

## **"THE HONORABLE JAMES V. DOMINGUEZ DAY"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking him for his contributions to the citizens of our community and wishing him continued success and happiness in his future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor