

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (ΔΣΘ), Incorporated is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in communities throughout the world, and is the largest African-American Greek-lettered sorority with 1,000 alumnae and collegiate chapters located throughout the United States and around the globe, including the Bahamas, Bermuda, England, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and the Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, established in 1913 by twenty-two women on the Howard University Campus in Washington, D.C., the organization remains true to the founding vision of promoting academic excellence, providing scholarship assistance, supporting the underserved, educating and stimulating participation in the establishment of positive public policy, and highlighting issues and providing solutions to problems in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is faithfully committed to the *Five Point Programmatic Thrust* of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement, as established over 100 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Sorority began their commitment to service over a century ago with their participation in the 1913 Women's Suffrage March on Washington, D.C., and remain active members in organizations such as the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and National Council of Negro Women (NCNW); and

WHEREAS, established in 1926, the **Southern Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority** holds the distinction of being the largest of the seven Sorority regions with over 200 chapters located in Alabama, the Bahamas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, on June 26-29, 2014, the members of the Tampa, Florida Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, which include Kappa Iota, Tampa Alumnae, Tampa Metropolitan Alumnae, and Tau Iota, will welcome its National President, Dr. Paulette C. Walker and the Chapters of the Southern Region as they host the **44th Southern Regional Conference** at the Tampa Convention Center with the 2014 theme "*Uncompromising Commitment to Communities: Service, Leadership, Empowerment.*"

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, June 28, 2014 as

“DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE DAY”

and urge all citizens to join me in welcoming Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Southern Regional Conference attendees to Tampa, and thanking the members for all they have contributed to our community, nation, and the world over the years.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28th day of June, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor