

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, a Sister Cities Agreement between Tampa, Florida and Barranquilla, Colombia was created in 1966 and reaffirmed on July 10, 2008 and again on December 6, 2012 to further their mutual aspiration to work in unison for the benefit of their cities and nations; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Tampa and Barranquilla on the basis of friendly cooperation, traditions, equality, and mutual benefit continue to develop their sister cities relationship to promote and broaden economic cooperation and cultural exchanges between the two cities including the area of the arts, such as exhibits, music, dance and other educational and youth activities; and

WHEREAS, The Baranoa Departmental Music Band Foundation, a non-profit organization founded in 1995 by CEO Hilton Escobar Roa whose commitment and devotion is to train youths to be artists as well as sensible, spiritual, proactive, responsible, honest, creative, dynamic, and productive visionaries with a sense of belonging and a love for the arts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa celebrates the efforts of citizens and members of the international public who contribute to the betterment of their communities, touching the lives of residents and visitors through cultural arts and socially-conscious initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa-Barranquilla Sister Cities Committee will present for the first time in Tampa the Banda de Baranoa Colombian Youth Orchestra with 82 of its 600 youngsters, dancers and musicians as part of their performances throughout the United States on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at the Tampa Water Works Park and the music festival will give the Tampa Bay community an opportunity to experience the exciting and vibrant music of the Colombian Caribbean coast which will enrich the cultural heritage of Tampa; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to join in thanking and congratulating and all those who have been involved in organizing this international event and special performance; and

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, September 13, 2014 as

“THE BARANOA DEPARTMENTAL MUSIC BAND FOUNDATION DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and call on all members of the community to join me in recognizing this worthwhile event, its local and international sponsors, participants and volunteers for their commitment to providing a dynamic cultural experience through music, dance and human development.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of September, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

