

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, in its twenty-fifth year, the **Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival** (TIGLFF) was established in 1990 and led by the representatives of the Tampa Bay Business Guild, Bay Area Human Rights Coalition, and the Tampa Bay Gay Men's Chorus as a three-day extension of Tampa's Gay Pride celebrations; and

WHEREAS, *Friends of the Festival* was founded in 1999, and the 501c3 nonprofit organization is devoted to the management, stewardship, and production of the Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival is to showcase a selection of compelling films and videos by, for, or about the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) community that *Entertains, Empowers, and Enlightens* the festival audience; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty-five years, the Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival has showcased thousands of films for the Tampa Bay area community, premiered numerous films, and assisted countless LGBT directors in launching their careers; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, an award winning organization including honors for excellence in film programming and for its work on behalf of the LGBT community, is the third oldest film festival in the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, this year the Tampa International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival will occur on October 3-11, 2014, and in celebration of its Silver Anniversary, the TIGLFF organization will host a street party on October 3rd in front of the historic Tampa Theatre in downtown Tampa, and the following day it will present John Waters in a live, one-man show and will honor him with a *Lifetime Achievement Award* for his outstanding work highlighting LGBT artists and themes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2014 as

"TAMPA INTERNATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the organization on this 25th Anniversary milestone, and thank all those involved for their contributions to our community by producing this annual event that supports LGBT film and video art.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of October, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

