

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in 1974, Tampa Preparatory School (Tampa Prep) was the vision of a group of dedicated citizens with the goal of establishing a non-denominational, independent secondary school rigorous in its college-preparatory curriculum and committed to the arts and athletics, and in 1977, the first class of eighteen students graduated; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees that governs Tampa Prep is comprised of parents, alumni, and business and civic leaders from the Tampa Bay area, and the coeducational accredited school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic background, or religion and the goal of Tampa Prep is to educate its students and help them become centered, inquisitive, and selfless adults through contact with diverse experiences and people; and

WHEREAS, serving grades six through twelve, the mission of Tampa Prep is to excel as a school that is more than just college preparatory, but also preparation for life with a higher purpose than self, and students adhere to an Honor Code that includes pledging to *uphold and promote honesty, trust, respect, and fairness in all venues of school life, and to maintain personal and academic integrity and to support it in others*, and they learn the value of community by volunteering with service and partner organizations; and

WHEREAS, for four decades, Tampa Preparatory School has been a ***Place to...Think – Create – Be Yourself – Aspire to Excellence – Go Beyond***, and the institution's location on the Hillsborough River in downtown Tampa affords students access and exposure to many cultural opportunities including the David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, Tampa Bay History Center, Tampa Museum of Art, Glazer Children Museum and the historic Tampa Theatre; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Prep Terrapin faculty and students are dedicated to excellence and integrity, and they are proud of the Athletics Department for winning 61 state championships beginning in 1977, and for the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Chorus, and Language programs winning prestigious Regional and State recognitions; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Plummer, Head of Tampa Preparatory School, will welcome students, faculty, alumni, board of trustee members, partner organizations and guests to the Tampa, Florida Campus for the institution's **40th Anniversary Celebration** on Friday, December 5, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, December 5, 2014 as

“TAMPA PREPARATORY SCHOOL DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, in honor of their 40th year in Tampa and encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating Tampa Preparatory School on this milestone, and thanking them for their continued commitment to education and the Tampa Bay community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20th day of November, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor