

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud to recognize organizations that have made an impact in our community through their dedicated outreach and support, and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) is one such organization that has demonstrated and is committed to these actions; and

WHEREAS, UNCF has assisted minority students for over seven decades in reaching that all important goal of obtaining a higher education, providing more than \$3.6 billion to over 400,000 students since 1944; and

WHEREAS, each year, the organization awards 10,000 scholarships to students of low and moderate-income families to attend more than 900 schools across the nation, and also financially supports its 37 member historically black colleges and universities so these institutions will have the opportunity to provide additional scholarships that they would otherwise not be able to; and

WHEREAS, as part of their mission to support students' education and development, in addition to scholarship opportunities, UNCF has over 400 programs that they administer including internship and fellowship, mentoring, summer enrichment, and curriculum and faculty development programs; and

WHEREAS, one of these outreach efforts began 30 years ago by Dr. Sam Horton, a well-respected educator, and together with ten high schools in Hillsborough County, the **All-Star Basketball Classic** was inaugurated, which provides an opportunity for African-American students to showcase their skills to college recruiters, and this event has expanded over the years as the game of basketball has grown and number of high schools has tripled; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 30th Anniversary, the All-Star Basketball Classic will take place at Jefferson High School in Tampa, Florida, and will feature boys' and girls' games, three-point shootouts, and slam dunk competitions, and all of the proceeds from this exciting and popular event will support the UNCF scholarship program.

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 6, 2015 as

"UNCF ALL-STAR BASKETBALL CLASSIC DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, in honor of this 30th Anniversary milestone, and encourage all citizens to join me in commending the dedication and services provided by United Negro College Fund in the support of underprivileged high school students.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5th day of March, 2015.



City of
Tampa
Florida

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor