

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, founded by Elder Charles Harrison Mason in 1897, the **Church of God In Christ, Incorporated (COGIC)** is the largest Pentecostal denomination in the United States of America, and it has more than six million members with congregations in sixty-three countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Church of God In Christ has a long and rich history of ministering to the needs of communities and contributing to mankind globally, and its mission is to *seek and save that which is lost*; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Church of God In Christ Charities, vital necessities such as food, shelter, and medical care are provided worldwide to communities in need and those faced with crisis and natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Church of God In Christ impacts its members and neighborhoods throughout the United States and around the world through its many missions that include Urban Initiatives, Health and Wellness, International Missions, Online Education, Scholastic Motivation, Department of Evangelism, Office of Public Policy, Men's Department, Department of Women, Children's Ministry, the Pan African Children's Fund (PACF), and Auxiliaries In Ministry (AIM); and

**WHEREAS**, Auxiliaries In Ministry's goal is to achieve effectiveness in ministry, and it accomplishes this through an Annual Summer Convention that highlights spiritual enrichment, training, education and fellowship, and it brings together the COGIC auxiliaries of Music, Youth, Missions, Evangelism, and Sunday School in a family involved experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the **2015 International Auxiliaries In Ministry Convention**, held at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida on June 29 – July 3, 2015, is hosted by the COGIC Jurisdictions of *Florida Western, Southwestern, Eastern, Central #1, Central #2, Southern, and Northwest*, and this important event includes training, development, and youth competitions along with spiritual inspiration and fellowship.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, June 29, 2015 as

## "AUXILIARIES IN MINISTRY DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Church of God In Christ organization for its contributions to our city, state, nation and world for over a century, and in wishing them continued success as the members strive to make a difference in the lives of mankind.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

