

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in 1956, the **University of South Florida (USF)** is one of the largest public and global research universities in the United States, and it delivers outstanding internationally recognized programs for undergraduates, graduates, professionals and the greater community; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida serves a diverse student and faculty population and celebrates the many cultures that make up the fabric of the University of South Florida and the Tampa Bay area; and

WHEREAS, men and women of Hispanic decent have played a significant role in the evolution of our nation, state and city, and they contribute substantially economically, socially, culturally, and philanthropically, and they were instrumental in the development of the city of Tampa from its roots, contributing greatly to our unique and rich heritage; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida celebrates **USF Hispanic Heritage** to recognize the dedication and efforts of its Hispanic students, faculty and staff, and the event brings together USF and local communities, and showcases the services, initiatives and programs provided by USF student organizations, colleges, departments and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the annual **USF Hispanic Heritage** recognition is hosted by the **Status of Latinos (SOL) Committee**, a Presidential Advisory Committee responsible for advising the USF President on matters affecting USF and Tampa Bay Latino population and concerns; and

WHEREAS, the **27th Annual USF Hispanic Heritage Celebration 2015** held September 29, 2015 at the USF Marshall Center Ballroom features keynote speaker Braulio Colón, Vice President of Helío Education Foundation, and includes honoring several USF students, faculty and staff for their commitment to the Latino community and culture through academic research and public service; 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 Tuesday, September 29, 2015 as

“USF HISPANIC HERITAGE DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to take part in activities that honor the proud history and heritage of Hispanic people, and congratulate the honorees of this year’s USF Hispanic Heritage Celebration.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 25th day of September, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor