

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Senate is the upper house of the Florida Legislature and it convenes at the State Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida, and Florida State Senators serve four-year terms and are restricted by term limits of two consecutive four-year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Democrats believe in effective and efficient government that prioritizes quality education, affordable health care, and an economy in which anyone who works hard can succeed, and Florida State Senators are dedicated to representing their districts, steeped in principals that include fairness, civil rights, and quality education, and one such public servant is the **Honorable Senator Arthenia L. Joyner**, Senate Democratic Leader, the first African American Woman to hold the position, and she currently represents Florida District 19 that serves parts of Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Manatee Counties, and she is Vice Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice, a member of the Appropriations, Health Policy, Higher Education, Judiciary and Rules Committees, and the Legislative Budget Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, born in Lakeland, Florida, Senator Joyner is well-known as a trailblazer, paving the way for others through determination and leading by example, and for her dedication in fighting for individual and equal rights at local, state and national levels, and she remains steadfast in her dedication to all people, encouraging and guiding others, mentoring young people to seek careers in public service, law, and other fields that benefit the community; and

**WHEREAS**, receiving her Law Degree from Florida A&M University, Senator Joyner has had a great impact in Florida's history including her participation in the early struggles for Civil Rights in the 1960's era, as an elected Representative in the Florida House, and as the first African American woman attorney in the Tampa, Florida area, in private practice for well over four decades. She was the first African American woman to serve in many capacities including appointee to the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Board of Governors and Executive Committee, to the U.S. Delegation World Population and Development Conference, and the U. S. Delegation to the United Nations' World Conference on Women, and Senator Joyner continues to serve with numerous boards, organizations and affiliations locally, state-wide and nationally. She has been honored with countless awards and recognitions including the Florida Consumer Action Network's *Consumer Champion Award*, 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Foundation's *Special Recognition Award*, Hillsborough Association of Women Lawyers' *Achievement Award*, and she is a Hillsborough County Women's Hall of Fame Inductee; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Joyner continues to be a champion and role model for all people, and in recognition of her lifetime of service, accomplishments, contributions, and dedication, the Florida Senate Democrats' Annual Women in Politics Dinner will be renamed ***The Annual Arthenia L. Joyner Women In Politics Dinner***, this year held on October 6, 2015 at the Hotel Duval in Tallahassee, Florida.

**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, October 6, 2015 as

## **THE HONORABLE ARTHENIA L. JOYNER DAY**

in the city of Tampa, Florida and call upon all residents to join me in recognizing, commending and thanking her for all she contributes to our community, state and nation, and for her lifetime of dedication.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.



*Bob Buckhorn*  
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Mayor