

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's founding President, the late John S. Allen was the first person to build a modern state university from the beginning with no facility, students or faculty, and over the past six decades it has developed and grown substantially, guided by the foundation he established, and the main administration complex is named the ***John and Grace Allen Center*** in honor of him and his late wife, Grace, known as *The First Lady of USF*; and

WHEREAS, Grace Allen established the first organized group on the USF Campus in 1960, the **University of South Florida Women's Club** with the vision of bringing the entire USF family together, fostering community connections and providing support for the University and its endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the USF Women's Club is to enhance the social and cultural life of its members and to provide service to the University community, and for fifty-five years, the organization has assisted newcomers in developing friendships and becoming better acquainted with the University; and

WHEREAS, the USF Women's Club holds monthly meetings and events throughout the year, members volunteer for community causes, and they raise funds for full-tuition scholarships, USF Library purchases, special gifts to USF Departments, and philanthropic initiatives, and over the years the organization has established the fully endowed *Grace Allen Scholarship Fund* and the *Grace Allen Library Endowment*, and those interested in the mission and goals of the organization are eligible to join; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Women's Club is celebrating its **55th Anniversary** with a Reception on Sunday, October 11, 2015, featuring the theme ***Recall the Past, Celebrate the Present and Embrace the Future***, and the members and guests will reflect on all that has been accomplished since 1960, honor founder Grace Allen and the many benefactors and supporters, and plan for continued success in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 11, 2015 as

"USF WOMEN'S CLUB DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens congratulate the USF Women's Club on this special 55th Anniversary and thank them for their contributions to USF and the Tampa Bay area.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28th day of September, 2015.



City of
Tampa
Florida

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor