

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Hispanic community is a vibrant part of the diverse and multiethnic society that comprises the citizens of the Tampa, Florida area; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics helped develop the Tampa, Florida area from its early years, becoming a major contributor to our rich heritage, and generations of Hispanic Americans continue to be an important part of the fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, men and women of Hispanic descent play a vital role in our city, state and nation, and they contribute substantially economically, socially, culturally, and philanthropically, and many have proudly and courageously served in the United States Armed Forces in defense of freedom and the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, this first annual **ViVa Tampa Bay Hispanic Heritage Festival** was established to honor generations of Hispanic Americans in the Tampa Bay region, and around the United States, for their social and economic participation and contributions; and

WHEREAS, hosted by All American Music Productions, Inc. and Latin Times Media, Inc., the ViVa Tampa Bay Hispanic Heritage Festival is held on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at Centennial Park in Historic Ybor City; and

WHEREAS, this exciting Family Art & Cultural Festival that celebrates the beauty and vibrancy of Tampa Bay's Hispanic communities will include presentations of the **ViVa Hispanic Awards** to local influential Hispanic leaders, Latin food, dance contests and performances by internationally celebrated and award winning musicians, singer *Carlos Olivia and Los Sobrinos Del Juez*, and percussionist *Giovanni Hildago*.

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 18, 2015 as

"VIVA TAMPA BAY HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join in the festivities that celebrates Tampa's diversity, and the Hispanic culture and community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 8th day of September, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

