

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the **Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI)** is the largest science center in the southeastern United States, and is an educational resource dedicated to advancing public interest, knowledge, and understanding of science, industry, and technology, thereby making a difference in people's lives by making science real; and

**WHEREAS**, MOSI created the **National Hispanic Scientist of the Year Award** in 2001 to recognize outstanding Hispanic scientists who promote a greater public understanding of science and motivate Hispanic youths' interest in science, and this year's honorable recipient is **Dr. Modesto "Mitch" Maidique**, an Electrical Engineer, Leader in Education, and Author; and

**WHEREAS**, born March 20, 1940 in Havana, Cuba, Dr. Maidique attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he earned his Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate Degrees in Electrical Engineering, and he is a graduate of the Program for Management Development from Harvard Business School. Dr. Maidique held academic appointments at MIT, Harvard University, Stanford University, and the University of Miami, and he co-founded Analog Devices, Inc.'s Semiconductor Division, was CEO of Collaborative Research now Genome Therapeutics and a Senior Partner with Harbrecht & Quist Venture Partners; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Maidique served as University President at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami, Florida from 1986 to 2009, the first Cuban-American to be named a University President in the United States, and under his leadership FIU tripled in size, transformed into a major research center, enrollment more than doubled, accredited Colleges of Law, Engineering, Architecture, Public Health, and Medicine were established, and it now ranks among the top 20 largest universities in the nation, and he was named President Emeritus of Florida International University by the FIU Board of Trustees in recognition of his leadership and accomplishments during his twenty-three year tenure, and the main campus was renamed **Modesto Maidique Campus** in his honor; and

**WHEREAS**, an expert in Engineering, Dr. Maidique holds three United States patents for semiconductor devices, has been widely published in academic journals, is a contributing author to ten books, co-authored several books including "*Strategic Management of Technology and Innovation and The Art of High Technology Management*, and his article "*Are You a Level-Six Leader* published by Harvard Business School's on-line journal was the most viewed faculty authored article of 2011. Dr. Maidique has testified before Congress, he served on the Educational Policy Advisory Committee for two United States Presidents and the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board, he was a member of the Commission on Presidential Scholars, past chairman of Miami's Beacon Council, currently serves on the boards of the National Semiconductor Corporation and Carnival Corporation, and in recognition of his leadership and contributions, he was honored with Miami's top civic award, *Sand in My Shoes* from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is pleased to join with MOSI in honoring Dr. Modesto Maidique for outstanding achievements in his chosen field and for his key scientific contributions that have made profound improvements that impact the quality of life for those living in the United States and around the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 24, 2015 as

**"DR. MODESTO MAIDIQUE,  
NATIONAL HISPANIC SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR DAY"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing Dr. Modesto Maidique for his many contributions, and for serving as a role model for our youth.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor