

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. **Denise White**, WTVT FOX 13 News Anchor, is one such person; and

WHEREAS, Denise embarked on her stellar forty year broadcasting career while attending Virginia Commonwealth University, and her experience as an intern for the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) affiliate WXEX-TV Channel 8 was a catalyst that helped to shape her dedication to professionalism and high ethical standards in radio and television broadcasting, and thereafter she became a reporter in Charlottesville, Virginia, and then in Richmond covering the Virginia General Assembly prior to her relocation to Florida, first in Orlando at the ABC affiliate WRTV Channel 9, and later in Miami, Florida where she worked as a reporter and anchored a morning show; and

WHEREAS, Denise joined WTVT FOX 13 in Tampa, Florida in 1990, and with her warmth, beautiful smile, endearing laugh and genuine nature, she was immediately welcomed into the homes of the Tampa Bay viewing community, reporting on hurricanes, homelessness, drug abuse and social issues, and she was the highest-profile minority anchor in the local market and the sole African-American journalist anchoring a weekday evening newscast; and

WHEREAS, throughout her twenty-five years with WTVT FOX 13, Denise has been known for her commitment to integrity, accuracy and fairness, her dedication to social and minority issues, and she has greeted the viewing public each weekday evenings in the 5:00 P.M. broadcast time slot where she and Co-Anchor Kathy Fountain were the first female anchor team in local Tampa television, a partnership that lasted for nearly twenty years, and she wrote and produced her signature **Black History Month Profiles** that highlighted local community leaders and the segments became very popular with Tampa Bay area viewers; and

WHEREAS, involved in the community, Denise co-founded a holiday food and toy drive for migrant farm children, served as an Honorary Co-Chair for the March of Dimes, and her many recognitions and honors during her tenure as an accomplished reporter and anchor include a nomination for an **Emmy Award**, receiving the **Griot Drum Journalism Award**, and she had an acting role in a *Miami Vice* television series episode; and

WHEREAS, as one of the most popular television personalities in the Tampa Bay area and well-respected by her peers in broadcast journalism, the media and with the viewing audience for her credibility, professionalism and compassion, the City of Tampa is honored to congratulate Denise White on her retirement from WTVT FOX 13 after twenty-five years and grateful for the many contributions she has made to our community and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, November 23, 2015 as

“DENISE WHITE DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in wishing her continued success and happiness in her future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 23rd day of November, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor