

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, a brewery is a dedicated building for the making of beer, an alcoholic fermented beverage that is the world's third-most popular drink overall, after water and tea, and the crafting of beer is a dedicated and artful process; and

WHEREAS, Ybor City in Tampa, Florida was home to the first brewery in the southeastern United States when the **Florida Brewing Company** opened its doors on February 15, 1897 at 1234 East 5th Avenue, where its name is still etched on the historic building, and in its prime produced 80,000 barrels of beer annually and was the leading exporter of beer to Cuba in the nation, closing its doors in 1961 as a result of the United States embargo against Cuba; and

WHEREAS, craft breweries are typically small companies that are independently owned and traditionally have a majority of its alcohol volume in beers, and the process of brewing is a creative process that results in delicious and distinct flavors that beer enthusiasts celebrate; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay area brewers are committed to their craft and passionate about providing world class brews for people to enjoy, both locally and throughout the world, and the industry provides jobs for citizens of the community, and brings together the residents, brewers, distributors, retailers, restaurants and entertainment venues in the Tampa Bay area neighborhoods, providing an increased quality of life; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, February 15, 2016, the **Brewmasters Club**, a technology and events organization founded in Tampa is hosting a **Craft Beer Ceremony** at the former historical Florida Brewing Company site, now home to Swope Rodante Law Office, to bring awareness to the significance Tampa has in the brewery industry, and to celebrate the economic, cultural, societal and historical impact that brewing has made in the state of Florida and in the Tampa Bay area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2016 as

“CRAFT BEER DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage the community to join in the celebration and to support local craft brewers.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 18th day of January, 2016.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

