

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated was founded on November 12, 1922 at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana by seven educators, it was incorporated on December 30, 1929, and is a nonprofit, non-governmental service and social organization with chapters, members, and affiliates located throughout the United States, and internationally including Canada, Korea, Bermuda, Africa, Bahamas, and the United States Virgin Islands; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated through its mission enhances the quality of life within the community through public service, leadership development and the education of youth; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated provide services through its national programs and initiatives including Project Reassurance which highlights its slogan *H3: It's All About Me!* With the focus on *Heathy Living, Healthy Choices, and Healthy Generations*, and the organization continues to grow through *Scholarships, Service and Sisterhood*; and

WHEREAS, to carry out its global community service programs, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated effectively leads through its five Regions – Central, Northeastern, Southeastern, Southwestern and Western Regions; and

WHEREAS, representing chapters in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, the Bahamas and the United States Virgin Islands, the Southeastern Region of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated, with its mission of *Greater Service, Greater Progress*, was established in December 1939 at the Fourteenth Boule in New York, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Region of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated members and guests will convene at the **76th Southeastern Region Conference** in Tampa, Florida on March 30–April 3, 2016 with the theme *Treasures of Sisterhood* and hosted by the Beta Kappa Sigma Chapter, and this important event features executing organization business, sessions, workshops, pageants, election of officers, a "Black and Bling" party, and a Youth Services Project greatly benefiting the Tampa community.

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, April 2, 2016 as

"SIGMA GAMMA RHO SORORITY INCORPORATED SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the members of the of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated for their efforts and dedication to serve the communities around the nation and globally, and wish them continued success in the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 23rd day of February, 2016.



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