

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Beta Sigma Phi (ΒΣΦ) Sorority, founded on April 30, 1931 in Abilene, Kansas by Walter W. Ross, as a social sorority instituted for the social, cultural, and civic development of its members, and is known as *The Friendship Organization* because of the diverse ages and educational backgrounds of its members; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than eight decades, Beta Sigma Phi has grown to over 150,000 members representing more than ten countries around the world, and locally, the **Tampa City Council** has 13 chapters and approximately 120 active members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beta Sigma Phi symbol is the Torch, signature flower is the yellow rose, official colors are Black and Gold, and the motto of the organization is *Life* (Beta), *Learning* (Sigma), and *Friendship* (Phi); and

**WHEREAS**, Beta Sigma Phi is composed of women working for nearly every known charitable, health, and cultural organization, raising money, and donating time and effort to those in need, locally and internationally, and members are encouraged to grow personally, while also participating in the growth of others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Beta Sigma Phi Fund Programs, including the International Endowment, Disaster Relief, Scholarship, and Breast Cancer Research, provides for and supports, charities, organizations, members, and communities locally and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Tampa City Council of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will host a **Founder's Day Luncheon** with the annual theme *Your Forever Friends* on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the Rusty Pelican Restaurant in Tampa, Florida.

**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 30, 2016 as

## “BETA SIGMA PHI DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the contributions Beta Sigma Phi and its members have made to our community, our nation, and around the world, and in wishing them continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.



City of  
**Tampa**  
Florida

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor