

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Bay Hispanic community is a vibrant part of the diverse and multiethnic society that comprises the citizens of the Tampa, Florida area; and

**WHEREAS**, Hispanics helped develop the Tampa, Florida area from its early years, becoming a major contributor to our rich heritage, and generations of Hispanic Americans continue to be an important part of the fabric of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, men and women of Hispanic descent play a vital role in our city, state and nation, and they contribute substantially economically, socially, culturally, and philanthropically, and many have proudly and courageously served in the United States Armed Forces in defense of freedom and the American way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual **ViVa Tampa Bay Hispanic Heritage Festival** was established to honor generations of Hispanic Americans in the Tampa Bay region, and around the United States, for their social and economic participation and contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, hosted by All American Music Productions, Inc., the *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ViVa Tampa Bay Hispanic Heritage Festival* is held on Sunday, September 18, 2016 at Centennial Park in Historic Ybor City; and

**WHEREAS**, this exciting Family Art & Cultural Festival that celebrates the beauty and vibrancy of Tampa Bay's Hispanic communities will feature Latin food, vendors, entertainment, presentation of the *ViVa Hispanic Awards* to local influential Hispanic leaders, and a special recognition of the Hispanic men and women of the United States Military, active and veteran, including Special Forces Master Sergeant George Vera.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 18, 2016 as

## **"VIVA TAMPA BAY HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL DAY"**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join in the festivities that celebrates Tampa's diversity, and the Hispanic culture and community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2016.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

