

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, established in 1990, the **Tampa Bay International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival** (TIGLFF) was founded by representatives of the Tampa Bay Business Guild, Bay Area Human Rights Coalition, and the Tampa Bay Gay Men's Chorus as an extension of Tampa's Gay Pride festivities; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Tampa Bay International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival is to showcase a selection of competing films and videos by, for, or about the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning and others (LGBTQ+) community that Entertains, Empowers and Enlightens the festival audience; and

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1999, the non-profit *Friends of the Festival* organization was founded as the responsible entity for management, stewardship, and production of the Tampa Bay International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of films have been showcased over the past twenty-seven years by the Tampa Bay International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, and the community has enjoyed numerous film premiers and countless LGBTQ+ film directors have launched their careers through the event; and

**WHEREAS**, the third largest film festival in the state of Florida, the Tampa Bay International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival is the one of the largest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning and others (LGBTQ+) film festivals in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Tampa Bay International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival** held on September 30 – October 8, 2016 with Opening Night on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Tampa Theatre in downtown Tampa, will once again celebrate diversity and equality through film, and this year's theme **CommUNITY** highlights both counties of Hillsborough and Pinellas participation and dedication in ensuring another award winning festival.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 30, 2016 as

## ***“TAMPA BAY INTERNATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN FILM & ARTS FESTIVAL DAY”***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking those involved for their contributions and dedication in bringing this festival that celebrates diversity and art to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2016.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

