

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Conga Caliente, one of the largest Hispanic themed events in Florida, celebrates the rich Hispanic arts and culture from around the world and will hold its Thirteenth Annual Celebration at Al Lopez Park in Tampa, Florida on Sunday, November 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, this family-oriented event will include displays featuring local artists, a youth area, musical performances, a variety of traditional ethnic foods, health, corporate and art villages, domino tournaments, beer garden, traditional cigars and other informational and educational displays sponsored by various organizations and businesses; and

WHEREAS, produced by Coda Sound, Inc., the Conga Caliente Festival will feature national and international award-winning performing artists and celebrities including headliner Latin Grammy and Billboard Awards winner Millie Quezada ("the Queen of Merengue"), Dominican salsa singer Jose Alberto ("El Canario"), Pepe Garza, Julio Cesar Sanabria, Sal Caribe and Legna y Yoisel; and

WHEREAS, the festival is sponsored by many generous businesses and organizations, and while most of the events are free, proceeds will be used to benefit nonprofit organizations devoted to providing children with the opportunity to play softball, this year dedicated to the Jefferson Softball Booster Club, a non-profit organization devoted to providing children with the opportunity to play softball; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is honored to participate and support this event that provides a wonderful opportunity for all residents and many visitors to enjoy a fun-filled day while learning about our city's Hispanic heritage and its traditions.

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, November 6, 2016 as

"CONGA CALIENTE FESTIVAL DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in wishing the organizers, sponsors, participants, and visitors a most successful celebration.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 6th day of November, 2016.

Brb Buchhon Mayor