

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, established in 1956 as an initiative of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, **Sister Cities International** (SCI) was created with the intention of forming community-led relationships so people of different cultures could appreciate their differences and build partnerships to lessen the opportunity for new national conflicts and its motto is Peace Through People; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Tampa, Florida values its Sister City relationships as they provide opportunities to broaden economic cooperation that establishes business and trade relations and offers cultural and educational exchanges; and

**WHEREAS**, Tampa currently has Sister City relationships with eleven international cities, including Barranquilla, Colombia, a beautiful and vibrant port city known as the Golden Gate to Colombia; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1966, Barranquilla and Tampa have exchanged educational contacts, established business and trade relationships, and promoted appreciation of the arts including exhibits, music, dance and other cultural activities, and our desire to remain Sister Cities has been reaffirmed twice, last on December 6, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa, Florida is proud of the valuable partnership it has enjoyed with Barranquilla, Colombia for the past five decades and appreciates the benefits our two cities have shared with one another; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the partnership between Barranquilla, Colombia and Tampa, Florida as Sister Cities, it is appropriate that a day be proclaimed in honor of our mutual respect, cooperation and friendship over the years.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, December 2, 2016 as

## ***“BARRANQUILLA-TAMPA SISTER CITIES DAY”***

in the city of Tampa and urge all citizens to recognize the dedication and contributions made by Barranquilla and Tampa in its promotion of peace, friendship and cultural celebration, and in recognizing this milestone 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

