

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the **Tampa Organization of Black Affairs** (TOBA), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, created in 1979 by Robert Morrison, David McQuay and Delano S. Stewart to address political, educational, social, and economic development concerns in the Tampa, Florida African American community in a meaningful manner, and the vision and mission of inspiring, empowering and preparing new generations of leaders was set forth; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated to its goals for over three decades, TOBA has been the catalyst for leadership within the business community through the promotion of minority and African American economic development by supporting increased African American business ownership, opportunities for advancement in the workplace, and awareness by the African American consumer; and

**WHEREAS**, these goals also include promoting political education, voter registration and participation, the encouragement of minority individuals to seek elected and appointed public positions, and youth development by encouragement and supporting academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, TOBA has achieved its mission and goals over the years through several programs and events that have become important parts of the Tampa Bay community, including Youth Leadership Development, Community Service Projects, Young Men and Ladies Mentorship Programs, sponsorship of Minority Business Expositions, hosting non-partisan political education and voter participation events, and other worthwhile activities and interactions; and

**WHEREAS**, on Monday, January 16, 2017, the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs will host its **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Breakfast** at the Hilton Tampa Downtown Hotel honoring the principles of Dr. King with the theme “**Rediscover The Ties That Bind Us**,” and the event will foster positive community relations, recognize corporations and individuals for their positive contributions to the community, and features special guest speaker Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., a theologian and civic leader who worked with Dr. King during the Civil Rights Movement, and the keynote address by Bishop Adam Jefferson Richardson, Presiding Prelate of the 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 16, 2017 as

## **“TAMPA ORGANIZATION OF BLACK AFFAIRS DAY”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking TOBA for contributions to our community and wishing them success in their continued efforts to build upon the rich heritage, traditions and missions of this valued organization.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

