

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, in Tampa, Florida, a group of faithful Christians had the desire to worship together so a meeting was held in 1927 with several local Church of Christ members including those from the Gary, Nebraska Avenue and Seminole Heights churches, and the goal was to establishing a Church of Christ church for devoted African American worshippers; and

**WHEREAS**, with the late Evangelist Marshall Keebler from Nashville, Tennessee serving as Preacher, ninety-nine individuals were baptized and the first African American Church of Christ church in the state of Florida was established at 3310 North 29<sup>th</sup> Street, and it was named the **29<sup>th</sup> Street Church of Christ** under the leadership of its first Minister, Brother Aker; and

**WHEREAS**, the leaders and members of the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Church of Christ were committed to its vision and doctrines, and as a result the church grew and prospered over the years including remodeling the church building and adding a dining room and classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, for nine decades, the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Church of Christ and its congregation have been dedicated to *Saving Souls and Keeping Souls Saved*, and it has been a vital part of Tampa's success through its commitment to serving the needs of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, currently under the guidance of Brother Perry Johnson, Minister, the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Church of Christ continues to make a positive difference in the spiritual and physical needs of its congregation and those within Tampa's neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate the devoted members of the 29<sup>th</sup> Street Church of Christ on this milestone **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** celebrated on May 20-21, 2017 with the theme ***Coming Together in God's Name***, and the event features a Song Fest, Special Anniversary Service and an opportunity to reflect on all that has been accomplished since it was established in 1927. Best wishes are extended for God's blessings and continued success.

**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, May 20, 2017 as

***"29<sup>th</sup> STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST DAY"***

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the rich history and many contributions this church and its members have made to our community throughout the years.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

