

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, The City of Tampa, Florida is proud to recognize organizations who have made a mark in our city by their contributions to the success and well-being of the community, and **Computer Mentors Group, Incorporated**, celebrating its **20th Anniversary**, is one such entity; and

WHEREAS, a Tampa based nonprofit founded in 1997 by Ralph Smith, Computer Mentors Group was established with the vision of providing computers in homes of socioeconomically challenged youth as a reward for their dedication to learning, and to encourage careers in Information Technology; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Computer Mentors Group is to provide opportunities for educational and employment success through bridging the technology divide for populations without sufficient economic resources, especially as it relates to children and youth; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Computer Mentors Group has developed successful programs such as **KidsCode**, for fourth through eighth grade students, and **TeenTech** for students in ninth through twelfth grade, and the youth learn coding and programming skills and receive assistance with obtaining industry certifications; and

WHEREAS, Computer Mentors Group provides equipment, training and mentoring, and through the organization, its staff, volunteers, mentors and sponsors, it contributes greatly to the Tampa Bay area by equipping young people with the tools that help them reach their full potential, achieve success and become community leaders; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of all that has been accomplished over the past two decades, Computer Mentors Group is hosting its **20th Anniversary Luncheon** on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in the Family Life Center, and the event features keynote speaker Garrett Johnson, Rhodes Scholar and a Computer Mentor Group Alumni.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 3, 2017 as

“COMPUTER MENTORS GROUP DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating them on this special 20th Anniversary milestone occasion, thanking them for their commitment to the youth of our community, and in wishing them continued success in the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17th day of July, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

