

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Hispanic community is a vibrant part of the diverse and multiethnic society that comprises the citizens of the Tampa, Florida area; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics helped develop the Tampa, Florida area from its early years, becoming a major contributor to our rich heritage, and generations of Hispanic Americans continue to be an important part of the fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, men and women of Hispanic descent play a vital role in our city, state and nation, and they contribute substantially economically, socially, culturally, and philanthropically, and many have proudly and courageously served in the United States Armed Forces in defense of freedom and the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, the annual **ViVa Tampa Bay Hispanic Heritage Festival** was established to honor generations of Hispanic Americans in the Tampa Bay region, and around the United States, for their social and economic participation and contributions; and

WHEREAS, hosted by All American Music Productions, Inc., Ybor Chamber of Commerce, Ybor Rotary Club and Course of Action, the **3rd Annual ViVa Tampa Bay Hispanic Heritage Festival** is held on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at Centennial Park in Historic Ybor City; and

WHEREAS, this exciting Family Art & Cultural Festival that celebrates the beauty and vibrancy of Tampa Bay's Hispanic communities features Latin food, vendors, entertainment, presentation of the **ViVa Hispanic Heritage Awards** to local influential Hispanic leaders, and "Veterans Thunder Alley Booths" designed to showcase and bring awareness to the services provided to veterans and first-responders by several Veteran non-profit organizations.

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, October 1, 2017 as

"VIVA TAMPA BAY HISPANIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join in the festivities that celebrates Tampa's diversity, and the Hispanic culture and community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of September, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

