

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. **The Honorable Emiliano Jose (E.J.) Salcines, Jr.**, a well-known Attorney, Prosecutor, Judge, Author and Historian is one such person; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in West Tampa, Florida, Judge Salcines graduated from Riverside Military Academy, received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Florida Southern College, earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law where the *E.J. Salcines Student Lounge* is named in his honor, and he has received Honorary Doctors of Law Degrees from Stetson University College of Law and Florida Southern College; and

WHEREAS, Judge Salcines has over fifty years of faithfully and fairly serving the community as an Attorney and serving as the first Spanish-speaking person appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, State Attorney of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit for four terms, and as Judge of the Appellate Court on the bench and as Senior Judge, and many attorneys, prosecutors and judges have benefitted greatly from his mentorship and guidance; and

WHEREAS, Judge Salcines, a leader in the legal profession, established a pilot program on pre-trial intervention that is a state standard, a founder of the Tampa Bay Inn of Courts, wrote the widely read "*Trial Manual on Predicated Questions*" (1977), was Florida's first Special Prosecutor in charge of a Statewide Grand Jury investigating and prosecuting narcotic smuggling and trafficking, appointed to the Florida State Medical Examiners Commission, and credited with elevating the judicial arena through his leadership with the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association, the National District Attorneys Association where he received the *Special Merit Award*, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Foundation, serving on the boards of the University of South Florida (USF), Tampa Bay History Center, the Tampa Hispanic Bar Association, and the City of Tampa's Citizen Review Board; and

WHEREAS, known for his commitment to Tampa, Judge Salcines is beloved for his enthusiasm, community involvement, and willingness to share his experiences and historical expertise through lectures, guest speaking engagements, and as producer of *Tampa: Untold Stories* on the City of Tampa's CTTV television station. For his lifetime of service, Judge Salcines has earned many honors including named Tampa Hispanic Heritage's *1993 Hispanic Man of the Year*, receiving City of Tampa's *Tony Pizzo Award* for his efforts in historic preservation, USF's *President's Distinguished Citizen and Distinguished Service Awards*, five time recipient of the Florida and American Bar Associations' *Awards of Merit*, Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners *Ellsworth G. Simmons Good Government Award*, Boy Scouts of America's *Vale La Pena Service Award*, and he was knighted by King Juan Carlos of Spain into the Royal Order of Queen Isabella; and

WHEREAS, well-respected among his peers and the community for his stellar career, historical knowledge, and dedication to the citizens and culture of Tampa, Judge Salcines is honored by the City of Tampa Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council with the unveiling of the **Judge E.J. Salcines Statue** at the Old County Courthouse Plaza on Friday, October 27, 2017, and a special celebration held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the West Tampa Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 28, 2017 as

"THE HONORABLE JUDGE E.J. SALCINES DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking him for his contributions to our community and wishing him continued success and happiness.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 28th day of October, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor