

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, *Christian Music* is composed and performed for pleasure, religious or ceremonial purposes, or with a positive message as an entertainment product, and it is known as the devout putting their faith into song; and

WHEREAS, *Gospel Music* is a genre of Christian music and it can vary according to culture and social context, and its beginning can be traced to the early 17th century, its roots in the African American religious experiences with hymns sometimes in a “call and response” repetitive fashion; and

WHEREAS, spiritual and uplifting, Gospel music features dominant vocals often with great harmony, performed by choirs, groups and individuals, and the music includes songs of testimony, persuasion, and religious exhortation or warning; and

WHEREAS, Gospel music is a part of Tampa Bay area’s heritage and our city is blessed with many churches, choirs, individuals, organizations and associations who bring Gospel music to the community with a strong dedication to the creation, sharing, presentation and promotion of its messages and artistic beauty; and

WHEREAS, the **1st Annual Bay Area Gospel Music Festival**, hosted by the Bay Area Urban Chamber of Commerce, is held on Saturday, March 24, 2018 in Historic Perry Harvey, Sr. Park, and it brings to the community a day of inspiration, celebration, praise and worship featuring over fifteen musical performances, vendors, food trucks, and Vicki Winans, a nationally well-known and popular Gospel singer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2018 as

“BAY AREA GOSPEL MUSIC FESTIVAL DAY”

In the city of Tampa and urge all citizens to join me in participating in this Gospel; musical event and thank the organizers, sponsors and performers for their dedication to Gospel music and the Tampa Bay community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 24th day of March, 2018.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

