

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, The City of Tampa is proud to recognize those businesses and organizations who have made a mark in our city by their economic investment and involvement in the community, and **Black Business Bus Tours** is one such company; and

WHEREAS, established in Tampa, Florida in 2006 by Candy Lowe, Black Business Bus Tours (BBBT) is a non-profit organization that focuses on supporting black owned businesses in the Tampa Bay area by exposing local consumers to the wide variety of African American shops, services and establishments, creating new relationships between customers and business owners; and

WHEREAS, beginning with one bus for the scheduled tours, Black Business Bus Tours has grown to five, and over the years, the enterprise has introduced thousands of potential customers to a variety of businesses, contributing to the success of the establishments and the economic stability and growth of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Black Business Bus Tours encourage the community to become familiar with black-owned businesses, and in return for supporting local entrepreneurs, they receive personalized service and contribute to the enhancement and progress of Tampa neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 21, 2018, the Black Business Bus Tours, along with community partners and leaders will host a **Day of Economic Empowerment** featuring a morning bus tour throughout the community with visits to sixteen local black-owned businesses, an afternoon of vendors, entertainment and food trucks, and an evening celebration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa appreciates the contributions Candy Lowe and Black Business Bus Tours have made to the Tampa Bay area since 2006, and wishes them 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 Saturday, April 21, 2018 as

“BLACK BUSINESS BUS TOURS DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Black Bus Business Tours organization for their economic impact to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 18th day of April, 2018.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

