

## Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority ( $\Delta\Sigma\Theta$ ), Incorporated, founded in 1913 by twenty-two women on the Howard University Campus in Washington, D. C., is an organization of college-educated women who perform public service initiatives and they remain true to the organization's mission of (1) promoting academic excellence; (2) providing scholarship assistance; (3) supporting the underserved; (4) educating and stimulating participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and, (5) highlighting issues and providing solutions to problems in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has grown over the years to become the largest African-American Greek-lettered sorority globally with more than 1000 alumnae and collegiate chapters located throughout the United States and around the world, and the organization is faithfully committed to its Five Point Programmatic Thrust through established programs of Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement; and

WHEREAS, locally, the members of the Tampa Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter (one of two graduate chapters in the Tampa, Florida area) exemplify the spirit of their Founders through their roles as educators, advocates and activists, both professionally and voluntarily, and endeavor to improve the quality of life and overall well-being of their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization's mission and programs benefit the community through such events as financial planning workshops, scholarship and awards programs, charitable giving at home and abroad, health and wellness seminars, and political forums and voter registration drives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter will celebrate its *Fifteenth Anniversary* with a luncheon on April 21, 2018, and the celebration event includes honored guest and keynote speaker Gwendolyn E. Boyd, the 22<sup>nd</sup> National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is pleased to congratulate the members of the Tampa Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated on this milestone Fifteenth Anniversary.

**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

## "TAMPA METROPOLITAN ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED DAY"

and urge all citizens to join me in thanking them for their support, dedication and contributions, and in wishing them continued growth and success.

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Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of April, 2018.

