

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Tampa, Florida is a unique and diverse community with a rich history and culture, including the considerable contributions made by Mexican immigrants to the United States of America, and by their descendants; and

WHEREAS, Mexican Americans have greatly impacted our nation's history and success, and they continue to be business and community leaders, and provide services in all aspects of our nation's way of life including as public servants, philanthropists, artists, entrepreneurs, educators, scientists and more; and

WHEREAS, **Cinco de Mayo** (the 5th of May) officially commemorates the anniversary of the victory by Mexican forces over French forces in the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1867, and the date is widely celebrated annually in cities across the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the annual Cinco de Mayo is a day to acknowledge, honor and celebrate the culture, achievements, experiences and contributions of people of Mexican background who live in the United States, and special events are organized to bring awareness to others about Mexican heritage that include festivals, parades, and music and dance performances; and

WHEREAS, locally, Tampa Bay area businesses and restaurants feature Cinco de Mayo events, and friends and families gather to enjoy the celebrations and eat traditional Mexican food; and

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, May 5, 2018 as

“CINCO DE MAYO DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in showing appreciation to the Mexican Americans in our community who have generously contributed to our history and culture, and to celebrate this special day.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 23rd day of April, 2018.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

