

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. is an organization devoted to preserving and promoting Tampa's diverse Hispanic culture, and for over 35 years, together with corporate partners, has honored those men and women who represent excellence by their outstanding achievements, endeavors and contributions and that have helped to enrich the lives of other Hispanics in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc. will again celebrate its Annual Hispanic Gala with the presentation of the **2018 Hispanic Woman of the Year Award** to a person chosen to be honored, a well-known individual admired and respected for her commitment to others, and who has dedicated her life to promoting and preserving the Hispanic culture and traditions through her community and civic service; and

**WHEREAS**, a third generation Tampa, Florida native of Sicilian, Spanish and Cuban descent, this year's honoree is **Adriana "Adri" M. Colina**, a graduate of Leto High School and of Hillsborough Community College earning an Associate of Arts Degree and St. Leo University with a Bachelor of Science with honors in Human Resources Management, and she is a Certified Manager of Integrated Solid Waste Management and a licensed Florida Real Estate Sales Associate. Ms. Colina has been a dedicated public servant with the City of Tampa since 1989, where her experience and multifaceted expertise has been a perfect fit for her current position as Chief of Administration for the Solid Waste and Environmental Program Management Department where her responsibilities include overseeing a \$148 million budget, communications, public relations, outreach, recycling and environmental program management, audit, contracts and quality control; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Colina consistently demonstrates her commitment to the Tampa Bay area and is dedicated to assisting, guiding, educating and mentoring members of the Hispanic community, and her willingness to serve goes above and beyond including creating, hosting and producing the popular *¿Qué Pasa Tampa?*, the City of Tampa Television's Spanish language program, serving as Chair on the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Committee, as guest speaker to the United States State Attorney's Office Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration, serving on the Hillsborough County Board of County Commission's Human Relations Board, the American Heart Association Community Board, City of Tampa Women's History Committee, United Way of America, Cuban Club/Krewe of Mambi, and she participates in events such as Paint Your Heart Out Tampa, Clean City Day and Ybor City's Fiesta Day, and she often speaks at local high schools to motivate Hispanic students to excel; and

**WHEREAS**, recognized for her enthusiasm, commitment and contributions to the community, Ms. Colina was honored with the Latin American Fiesta Association's *Woman of the Year in Community Service*, and she was the youngest recipient of the prestigious City of Tampa's *Josephine Howard Stafford Woman of the Year Award*. Well-known in the Tampa Bay area for her commitment to the Hispanic community and for her dedication to enhancing residents' quality of life, Ms. Colina serves as an inspirational role model and certainly deserves being named the **2018 Hispanic Woman of the Year**.

**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 13, 2018 as

**ADRIANA M. COLINA,  
HISPANIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR DAY**

in the city of Tampa, Florida and call upon all residents to join me in recognizing, commending and thanking her for all she contributes to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.



*Bob Buckhorn*  
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Mayor