

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 has honored individuals who represent excellence by their outstanding achievements, endeavors and contributions, and who help enrich the lives of other Hispanics; and

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

WHEREAS, born in New York City, New York in 1958 of Cuban descent, this year's honoree is **Anthony "Tony" Morejon** who made Tampa, Florida his home in 1970, and he has enriched the lives of others, especially within the Hispanic community throughout his life. A Leto High School graduate, Mr. Morejon earned his Associates of Arts Degree from Hillsborough Community College where he was later recognized as a *Distinguished Alumni*, and he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Tennessee, and thereafter began his outstanding public service career with the State of Florida's Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and then with Hillsborough County as a Social Worker where he established and continues to serve as the Hispanic Affairs Liaison; and

WHEREAS, well-known for his advocacy, leadership and efforts in addressing Hispanic concerns, Mr. Morejon has developed initiatives throughout his public service career benefitting the community and Hillsborough County's Hispanic employees including establishing the Hispanic Employee Council, he consults with agencies on various Hispanic issues, and has developed outreach strategies for diverse Latino communities. He is the host and co-producer of Hillsborough County's *Informes Latino* and co-host of *Vistas* television programs, he advocates for hurricane and disaster preparedness for Latino residents including being selected by FEMA to participate in its Latino Leadership Summits and as a presenter at Florida Governor's Hurricane Conferences, he was a founder of the Hillsborough County's Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund, and has served with the Latino Coalition, Hispanic Business Initiative Fund, League of Latin American Citizens, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, National Council of La Raza, Hillsborough County Diversity Advisory Council, and many more organizations; and

WHEREAS, admired for his many accomplishments and his lifetime of service, Mr. Morejon has received numerous honors including the Tampa Hispanic Heritage's *Man of the Year for Public Service*, named Univision's *Exitó de lo Nuestro*, is a recipient of the City of Tampa Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Council's *Matilda Martínez García Leadership Award Hispanic Media Award* and Hillsborough County's *Man of the Year Award*, and he is a Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Honorary Deputy. His leadership, commitment and genuine desire to make a difference, and his ability to serve as an inspirational role model and mentor to others certainly justifies naming him the **2018 Hispanic Man 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

ANTHONY MOREJON, HISPANIC MAN OF THE YEAR DAY

in the city of Tampa, Florida and call upon all residents to join me in recognizing, commending and thanking him for his outstanding service and contributions to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 13th day of October, 2018.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor