

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of West Tampa, Florida was established in 1892 when Hugh Campbell Macfarlane purchased 200 acres of land just west of the Hillsborough River for development, and on May 18, 1895, West Tampa was incorporated; and

WHEREAS, by 1905, West Tampa became Florida's fifth largest city with a robust business community including several successful cigar factories, a streetcar service, a free library, investments in public schools, and where baseball became an important part of the community; and

WHEREAS, West Tampa continues to be a valued part of Tampa's success story with its vast contributions to the development of our community, and the cultural and historical impact it has made; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate the rich history and cultural diversity of West Tampa, the West Tampa CRA's (Community Reinvestment Act) Community Advisory Committee is hosting the **First Annual Unity Tampa Historical and Cultural Festival** on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park; and

WHEREAS, the Unity Tampa Historical and Cultural Festival free event celebrates the music that reminds us of our past and growth as a city with a special tribute to **Faith, Hope, & Charity**, a Disco, Soul and Rhythm and Blues (R&B) group, originally called the Lovells, whose roots began in West Tampa, and the popular group is well-known for its hits on the R&B Billboard Charts including *To Each His Own* (1975) and *Just One Look* (1976), and the day-long festival includes entertainment, local vendors, food trucks, and more.

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

“UNITY TAMPA HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join in celebrating the contributions of the community of West Tampa in our city's history, and in congratulating the special representatives of Faith, Hope, and Charity on this well-deserved recognition for the group's impact in our community and nation with its iconic and timeless music.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 9th day of October, 2018.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

