

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic men and women have played a significant role in the development and progress of the United States since October 12, 1492, when Christopher Columbus discovered America, and they have contributed substantially to the nation through culture, industry, the arts, and philanthropy; and

**WHEREAS**, established in 2006, the **Tampa Hispanic Bar Association** (THBA) was established to bring together by association, communication and organization, the Hispanic members of Tampa, Florida's legal community and those who support its mission and values, and membership is open to attorneys, affiliates and students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Hispanic Bar Association promotes the exchange of information and ideas related to the practice of law in order to enhance its members' knowledge and skills, and the organization provides resources and educational opportunities for future attorneys of Hispanic origin; and

**WHEREAS**, the THBA membership strives to improve the administration of justice, increase the quantity and quality of legal services rendered to members of the Hispanic community, and, through their efforts, improve Florida's legal system; and

**WHEREAS**, for over a decade, the Tampa Hispanic Bar Association has ethically represented the growing Hispanic population in our community with dedication, enhanced the practice of law for its membership, recognized community leaders for their impact in the Tampa Bay area, and assisted future legal leaders with educational scholarships; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating its 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Tampa Hispanic Bar Association is hosting its **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Gala Dinner** on Friday, November 2, 2018 at the Hilton Tampa Downtown Hotel featuring the presentation of the *Luis "Tony" Cabassa Award* to **The Honorable Ronald N. Ficarrotta**, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Chief Judge, and the *E.J. Salcines Spirit of Tampa Award* to **Mr. Jose Valiente**, retired Partner with CLA Tampa (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP), and the awarding of several scholarships to deserving Hispanic law students from the Tampa Bay area.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 2, 2018 as

## **"TAMPA HISPANIC BAR ASSOCIATION DAY"**

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the Tampa Hispanic Bar Association on its 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, wishing them continued success, and thanking the members for their efforts that benefit the legal profession and Tampa's citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2018.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

