

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the fraternal order of Sant' Yago, the famous order to which the Brotherhood of the "Caballeros" of the Royal Order of St. James is dedicated, played a powerful role in the history of Spain; and

**WHEREAS**, just as this order in Spain contributed to the growth and prosperity of that country, the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago in Tampa has dedicated itself to the perpetuation and enhancement of their proud Latin heritage and to the continued improvement of life and cultural progress in our city; and

**WHEREAS**, originally discussed in 1970, the Krewe was formally organized in 1972 with a charter membership of 75, and held their first Coronation in January of 1973; and

**WHEREAS**, today the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago boasts a full membership of 300 and, in an effort to share their heritage and history, annually sponsors the Sant' Yago Knight Parade in Ybor City as part of our city's Gasparilla festivities and participates in other cultural affairs throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, of particular note, the Education Foundation of the Knights of Sant' Yago is known for its community based philanthropic history of contributing over one-half million dollars through scholarships, endowments and matching funds over the past several years; and

**WHEREAS**, as did the original order in Spain several hundred years ago, the members of the Krewe of the Knights of Sant' Yago in Tampa have built closeness and fellowship and enhanced our entire community with its spirit and dedication to preserving our city's rich history and culture.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of February 10-18, 2012 as

## "KREWE OF THE KNIGHTS OF SANT' YAGO WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in celebration of this event honoring our unique Latin cultures.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

