

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the mission of Civitan worldwide is to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Civitan promotes civic responsibility and volunteerism in the youth of our communities by sponsoring and working with Junior and Campus Civitan Clubs; and

WHEREAS, Civitan provides opportunities for forward-thinking, responsible leadership and growth in our communities by engaging in meaningful and rewarding community projects. It is the first civic/volunteer organization to, among many firsts: aid children with physical disabilities (1917), build public schools, hospitals, and parks (1920s), adopt and support ladies auxiliary clubs, though informally (1920s), specifically include in its mission individuals with developmental disabilities (1956), formally and freely change its bylaws to allow women as full members (1974), and created the only institute of its kind, the Civitan International Research Center in 1989; and

WHEREAS Civitan is recognized, through its dedicated sponsorship and support of the Civitan International Research Center, for the research, treatment, educational programs, and clinical services devoted to solving the mysteries, disorders and diseases of the brain, including: all manner of intellectual and developmental disabilities in children and adults, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down's Syndrome, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Diseases, Rett's Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Gliomas (brain tumors), and numerous other programs of study; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Metro Civitan Club, chartered on April 21, 1927, embodies the ideals of Civitan with members who serve the greater Tampa Bay community by volunteering their time, talent, energy and funding to support Special Olympics, Angels Unaware, the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Christmas program, and United Cerebral Palsy of Tampa, among many other year-round projects. In addition, for the past 84 years, they have recognized the contributions of others with their prestigious Outstanding Citizen of the Year award for volunteerism that significantly better our great community and the lives of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida to hereby proclaim the month of April, 2011 as

"CIVITAN AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Tampa, and urge all citizens to recognize and celebrate the contributions and dedication of these volunteers whose efforts promote the values of helping those in need around the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of April, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

