

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, since the 1980s, the rate at which mothers are giving birth to multiple children during the same pregnancy has doubled. The occurrence of multiple births poses special challenges, highlighting the need to educate expecting mothers on the issues related to multiple births; and

WHEREAS, multiple births can come in the form of twins, triplets, quadruplets, and so on. In 2007 alone, the twin birth rate was 32.2 per 1,000, with 138,961 live births, rising 70 percent between 1980 and 2004. The 2007 triplet birth rate was 148.9 per 100,000, rising more than 400 percent between 1980 and 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Area Mothers of Multiples, a local member of the Florida Organization of Mothers of Twins, Inc., and the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs, Inc., is dedicated to providing education and support to expecting mothers of multiples and families who have already given birth to multiple children; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Area Mothers of Multiples organization targets its efforts at making parents of multiples aware of the issues they may face, including high-risk pregnancy, pre-term labor, fetal issues, and important tips during the pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized as National Multiple Birth Awareness Month to give mothers who have given birth to multiple children, and their families, a chance to celebrate the joy of child birth while spreading awareness about this issue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud of the partnerships that exist with local organizations who dedicate their efforts to supporting families in our community by sharing life experiences and important, health-conscious information.

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 month of April, 2011 as

“NATIONAL MULTIPLE BIRTH AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing those organizations that are committed to educating expecting mothers about the challenges of multiple births while celebrating the joy of new life.

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



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

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Tampa
Florida