

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1914 pioneer aviator Antony “Tony” Haversack Jannus flew the first passenger-carrying commercial airline flight in the world from St. Petersburg’s Central Yacht Basin to the Hillsborough River in Tampa, Florida and this history-making inaugural flight took 23 minutes at a speed of 75 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, Astronaut Nicole Passono Stott grew up in Clearwater, Florida and her interest in aviation was sparked at an early age by her father’s small experimental airplane hobby and also while taking an Introduction to Aviation course while attending Clearwater High School. That class led her to the St. Petersburg Junior College associate degree program in aviation administration, and by her graduation from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 1987 with a B.S. degree in Aeronautical Engineering, she was beginning to dream of the space program. She went on to earn her M.S. degree in Engineering Management from the University of Central Florida in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Astronaut Stott began her career with NASA in 1988 as an Operations Engineer in the Orbiter Processing Facility at the Kennedy Space Center, held a variety of positions within NASA Shuttle Processing, and was selected as a mission specialist and reported for astronaut candidate training in 2000. She completed her first long duration space flight as a Flight Engineer on the International Space Station Expeditions 20 and 21 during August 28th through November 29th, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Astronaut Stott flew aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery (STS-133) on its 39th and final mission to the International Space Station from February 24th to March 9th, 2011; and

WHEREAS, this final mission in space was made meaningful to the Tampa Bay area by Astronaut Stott bringing with her on the flight the pennant from the original Tony Jannus flight; and

WHEREAS, as a member of our community who has devoted her career to flight, it is appropriate that Astronaut Nicole Stott continued to honor Tony Jannus with the return of the pennant from the Space Shuttle Discovery’s final mission to the St. Petersburg Museum of History.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2011 as

“ASTRONAUT NICOLE STOTT DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and call upon all residents to join me in recognizing her accomplishments and thanking her for her contributions the community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 5th day of June, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

