

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa recognizes the University of South Florida's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the USF College of Medicine, USF Health, and Tampa General Hospital for their leading roles in bringing the finest minds and most advanced health care service to the citizens of our community and region; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades the University of South Florida College of Medicine has provided stellar patient care to Tampa Bay area residents, and its Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has earned international accolades, conducted groundbreaking research, and provided state-of-the-art advanced treatment to Tampa Bay area women; and

WHEREAS, the USF Division of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) has helped women throughout the state overcome complex pelvic floor disorders, as well as spearheaded training tomorrow's physicians for treating women with pelvic floor disorders through its pioneering fellowship program, and the leading faculty members for this training program include Dr. Lennox Hoyte, Dr. Stuart Hart, and Dr. Raul Ordorica; and

WHEREAS, the American Boards of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Urology in January 2011 approved USF's Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery as a certified sub-specialty, allowing for formal training of gynecologists and urologists to provide care for women with complex pelvic floor disorders; and

WHEREAS, the USF Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery program is one of only 45 nationally, and is the first and currently the only fellowship training program in Florida to be recognized by the American Boards of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Urology, and this recognition means women with pelvic organ prolapse, incontinence, and bladder control problems can now receive care from FPMRS physicians who are specially trained and certified in this highly sub-specialized field of medicine; and

WHEREAS, the first such fellow in the USF program and, therefore, the first certified FPMRS specialist trained in Florida is Dr. Renee Bassaly, who completes her fellowship in the summer of 2011.

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 17, 2011 as

"FEMALE PELVIC MEDICINE AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating the University of South Florida, the USF College of Medicine, the Division of Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, USF Health, and Tampa General Hospital for accomplishing such significant recognition and for their continued superior care to the women throughout the Tampa Bay region.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17^h day of June, 2011.

