

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., was founded in 1938 under the leadership of Marion Stubbs Thomas as a nonprofit family organization providing constructive educational, cultural, civic, recreational, social, and service programs designed to stimulate and expand the mind and improve the quality of life of our children; and

WHEREAS, the members of this organization are committed to raising awareness of children's needs and concerns, helping parents learn more about their children, supporting all national legislation aimed at bettering conditions for children and families in our communities, and seek the same advantages for all children that are desired for our own; and

WHEREAS, in 1983 Mrs. Rudean Crawley, Margaret Spears and a group of twenty Tampa mothers sharing similar concerns regarding the state of African-American youth in the community formed the Tampa Bay Interest Group of Jack and Jill of America, and the organization received charter status from the National body at the Jack and Jill of America biennial convention in July, 1986; and

WHEREAS, Greater Tampa Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, along with other individual chapters across the nation, are committed to addressing and helping to alleviate disturbing community problems that affect children, and are making a difference in the lives of the children and their families in the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its charter, the Greater Tampa Chapter of Jack and Jill of America will hold a Children's Ball and Silent Auction on Saturday, August 6, 2011, and a portion of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Jack and Jill Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, and Academy Prep Center of Tampa.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 6, 2011 as

“GREATER TAMPA CHAPTER JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the members of this organization for their continued efforts on behalf of our youth and in congratulating them on this monumental anniversary.

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



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

