

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disorder (CMT) is named after Dr. Jean-Martin Charcot, Dr. Pierre Marie, and Dr. Howard Henry Tooth, the three physicians who discovered the disease in 1886; and

WHEREAS, CMT is a disease of the nerves that control muscles, is slowly progressive and causes loss of normal function and/or sensation in the legs and feet, and the hands and arms. It is the most commonly inherited peripheral neuropathy affecting 2.6 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disorder crosses all racial, ethnic, and gender boundaries, and there is currently no known cure, but unlike other neuromuscular disorders, its causes have been pinpointed, leading to the identification of at least 40 specific gene defects, bringing hope that treatment and cures have a chance of becoming a reality; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of CMT will lead to increased knowledge and support for maximizing breakthroughs in genetics and research, and the development of therapy, treatment, and a cure for the families affected by the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association (CMTA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 and its mission is to educate patients and physicians, create awareness about CMT, and promote the research that will provide effective treatments, and ultimately a cure; and

WHEREAS, CMTA is the only national organization devoted solely to improving the lives of everyone affected by this disorder, and offers help and information to patients, families, and medical professionals through printed materials, physician and support group referrals, conferences, sponsoring the CMT International Consortium, lobbying federal and state governments, and conducting campaigns to increase public awareness about CMT.

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 September 2011 as

"CHARCOT-MARIE-TOOTH AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to support the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association in their efforts to bring awareness, find a treatment and, eventually, a cure for this disease.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 30th day of August, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

