

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer affects 1 in 71 women of all ages with approximately 22,000 American women being diagnosed each year, and more than 14,000 lives lost annually to this disease; and

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer ranks fifth among cancer deaths in females and, unfortunately, 75 to 80% of ovarian cancer cases are not diagnosed until the advanced stages, and nationwide mortality rates have shown only slight improvements in the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we strive for improved funding for research, and promoting the education of women and physicians about the subtle symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, locally, Ovacom USA, Inc. (the Ovarian & Gynecologic Cancer Support and Advocacy Group of Tampa Bay), a non-profit, charitable organization affiliated with the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance and the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Florida, is committed to providing support and improved quality of life for those afflicted with ovarian and other gynecologic cancers; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these goals, Ovacom will be participating in various community events throughout the year to raise funds and build awareness about this disease; and

WHEREAS, "Turn the Town Teal Day" on the first Friday of September, this year occurring on September 2nd, is an annual nationwide awareness day for residents and businesses to display teal in recognition of this cause, and in downtown Tampa, Florida, the SunTrust Financial Centre will bring awareness to the community about ovarian cancer by lighting their building in teal from September 12 – 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to join Ovacom and the many sponsors and volunteers who support them in promoting this awareness campaign.

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

"OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to take part in activities which will raise awareness about the symptoms and diagnostic tools available for this disease, and display the color teal on September 2nd in recognition of national "Turn the Town Teal" awareness day.

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



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor