

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, started in 1990 by the United Nations General Assembly, the International Day of Older Persons was first observed on October 1, 1991 and is a global observance promoting the initiatives that were brought forth from the Vienna International Plan of Action on Ageing, the United Nations Principles for Older Persons, and further developed in the 2002 Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing; and

WHEREAS, the documents produced presented plans that promote healthy and active ageing, and applaud the important contributions that older people make to our societies, as well as the critical gains in public health and standards of living that have allowed people to live longer in almost all parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, the goals set for the 21st century encourage healthy older persons to remain a resource to their families, communities, and economies, and for governments, international organizations, and civil society to enact “active ageing” policies and programs that enhance the health, participation, and security of older citizens; and

WHEREAS, University Village, a Tampa, Florida retirement community shares a deep commitment to an “age-friendly” environment that empowers older persons to continue their lives fully engaged physically, intellectually, spiritually, and socially; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the celebration of International Day of Older Persons, University Village will honor residents, seniors and guests with special events and activities from September 27-30, 2011 that will showcase successful ageing through positive relationships, making healthy choices, learning new skills, beginning new hobbies, serving as advocates and volunteering in the community, and setting individual goals that defy the stereotypes of ageing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2011 as

“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in celebrating senior citizens who have chosen to “Live Longer Better” and forging a new paradigm for active-ageing.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of September, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

