

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida (USF) has made diabetes a priority and directed efforts and resources to create the USF Diabetes Center in the Carol & Frank Morsani Center for Advanced Healthcare with Medical Director Dr. Henry Rodriguez and expert multidisciplinary professionals to provide a unique setting that integrates patient-centered care, education and research programs with innovative design and state-of-the-art technology; and

WHEREAS, 25.8 million children and adults in the United States and over 1.5 million in the State of Florida live with diabetes, a life-long disease with no cure, which can lead to serious long-term complications including cardiovascular, nerve, eye and kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, USF is an internationally recognized center for more than \$400 million in diabetes and autoimmune research led by Dr. Jeffrey Krischer, Chair of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded Environmental Determinants of Diabetes in the Young study (TEDDY), and the Director of the Coordinating Center for TrialNet, a NIH-sponsored international network of clinical research centers studying ways to prevent and treat Type 1 diabetes with Dr. Henry Rodriguez, Chair of the TrialNet Natural History Study; and

WHEREAS, USF recognizes the critical need to collaborate with partner organizations focused on curing diabetes including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the American Diabetes Association, and the International Diabetes Federation to provide West Central Florida families coping with diabetes with a network to access the latest treatment options, and comprehensive team to assist in managing their disease; and

WHEREAS, the USF Diabetes Center, originally founded by Drs. John Malone and Anthony Morrison and formally recognized by the state in 1980 as a Diabetes Center of Excellence, has reached a major milestone in its development as an integrated center uniquely designed to advance progress towards a cure and to provide multidisciplinary expertise to assist patients and families in their day-to-day management.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2011 as

“WORLD DIABETES DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the vital contributions of the USF Diabetes Center in combating this pervasive disease.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 14th day of November 2011



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

