

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Club 15, Inc. was founded in Tampa, Florida in 1964 by a group of women seeking to establish lasting friendships and to assist the Cuban people that were arriving from Cuba to the United States; and

WHEREAS, there were 15 original founding members and the name Club 15 was chosen for the organization in their honor; and

WHEREAS, in the first year, with dues and donations, the group was able to provide food and clothing for a needy family; and

WHEREAS, as Club 15 grew, the first board of directors was selected in 1970, a constitution written, and it was legally incorporated as non-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, currently Club 15 has over 200 members, including three active founding members, Vitalia Bequer, Amparito Martinez Corpa and Aurorita Martin, and this social-charitable group of dedicated women have contributed to the community with assistance to needy families in the form of food vouchers, payment of utility bills, rent assistance, Christmas dinners and toys during the holidays, and have sent toys to children in Cuba; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the money remaining at year's end is distributed to many local charitable organizations including Metropolitan Ministries, University of South Florida Latino Scholarship Fund, Francis House, Judeo-Christian Health Clinic, Dorothy Thomas Special Day School, St. Raphael Foundation, Spring of Tampa Bay, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, and Daughters of Charity; and

WHEREAS, it is sincerely believed to be a worthwhile act to designate a day in honor of Club 15, and recognize the vast contributions it has made over the past 48 years which has benefited so many in the Tampa community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Sunday, January 29, 2012 as

"CLUB 15 DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Club 15 members for their dedication and commitment to our community in assisting those in need, and in wishing the organization future success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 26th day of January, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

