

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, a division of the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, TransCare Medical Transportation Services (TransCare) was established in 1983 to provide non-emergency psychiatric patient transportation in Hillsborough County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, as the service continued to grow, staff and vehicles were added, and in 1995 TransCare obtained Basic Life Support (BLS) permits in order to transport psychiatric patients who also had medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, with the population growth and increased needs for medical transportation services in Hillsborough County, TransCare currently provides primary 9-1-1 BLS services for the City of Tampa and secondary BLS services for Hillsborough County, and countywide psychiatric transports to and from Tampa Bay area hospitals, state psychiatric facilities, stretcher services and stand-by service for special events; and

WHEREAS, TransCare responds to approximately 130 requests for service every day, transporting between 70 to 100 patients to medical facilities throughout the Tampa Bay area; and

WHEREAS, recognized for its outstanding achievements, high standards for quality patient care and demonstration of industry excellence, TransCare Medical Transportation Services has received Accreditation designation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services, an independent, non-profit corporation founded in 1990 and established to encourage and promote improved patient care in America's medical transportation system, and has the distinction of being the only nationally-accredited ambulance service in Hillsborough County, one of only 159 agencies nationwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 16, 2012 as

"TRANSCARE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating TransCare Medical Transportation Services on receiving this special designation and thanking them and the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay for the dedication and services provided to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15th day of February, 2012.

