

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, a brain injury can happen anytime, anywhere to anyone, and an injury that occurs in an instant can bring a lifetime of physical, cognitive and behavior challenges; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, a traumatic brain injury is a contributing factor to a third of all injury-related deaths, and each year an estimated 1.7 million Americans sustain traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, over 100,000 Floridians experience a brain injury annually, with approximately 18,000 becoming disabled and 3,700 resulting in death, and as many as 210,000 are currently living with a brain injury related disability; and

WHEREAS, brain injuries are largely a result of motor vehicle crashes, falls, assaults, sports and occupation related, and with almost 2 million United States troops deployed, traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, accounting for over sixty percent of returning military personnel affected; and

WHEREAS, early and adequate access to care will greatly increase the overall quality of life for individuals with brain injury and will enable them to return to their home, school, work, and the community; and family members, friends, and medical providers can play a vital role in enhancing the lives of our citizens with brain injury; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Brain Injury Awareness Month, NeuroRestorative, a nationally accredited post-acute rehabilitation organization, along with its partner The Mentor Network, is donating \$10,000 to the Brain Injury Association of America to assist with the goals of continuing to sustain and bolster brain injury programs, increase access to care, and preserve vital brain injury research.

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 March, 2012 as

"BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in becoming more aware of the extent, causes, consequences, treatment and prevention of traumatic brain injury, and in thanking healthcare professionals in their efforts to improve the lives of persons affected by brain injury.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of March, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

