

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded on February 24, 1912 by Jewish scholar and activist Henrietta Szold, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, has a membership of 300,000 and is the largest Jewish women's Zionist organization in America; and

WHEREAS, as a volunteer association, Hadassah members are inspired by the timeless values and principles set by Henrietta Szold, and are motivated to strengthen their partnership with Israel, ensure Jewish continuity, and realize their potential as a dynamic force in American society; and

WHEREAS, committed to the centrality of Israel based on the renaissance of the Jewish people in its historic homeland, Hadassah promotes the unity of the Jewish people, and supports pace-setting health care, education, youth institutions, and land development in Israel to meet the country's changing needs; and

WHEREAS, through their dedication, Hadassah has founded two world-class medical centers in greater Jerusalem, and supports many Israeli projects including Hadassah College Jerusalem, three Hadassah Youth Aliyah villages that house, feed, educate and nurture young immigrants and Israel's underprivileged youth, operates Israel's largest touring and residency program for American Jewish youth, assists with major reforestation and water conservation programs, and has assisted during major catastrophes in other parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Hadassah's Centennial Anniversary, thousands of Hadassah members, associates and friends will gather together on March 22, 2012 in homes across the United States, and the Tampa Amet Chapter of Hadassah will meet at the home of Regional President, Jane Strom in Tampa, Florida to hold their *Home Sweet Hadassah* celebration, and will reflect on all that has been accomplished over the past 100 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2012 as

"HADASSAH DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating Hadassah on this significant milestone and wishing them continued success in the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of March, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor