WHEREAS, LAMPlighters (Ladies Assisting Metropolitan People) is a benevolent 501C3 organization established in 1986 by dedicated volunteers concerned for the homeless families and children in the Tampa, Florida area; and

WHEREAS, the mission of LAMPlighters is to support organizations serving homeless children and families in need by engaging in activities to improve their health, education, rehabilitation, and by providing opportunities for their spiritual development; and

WHEREAS, in the past 26 years, the LAMPlighters have donated more than one million dollars and countless volunteer hours to Metropolitan Ministries, serving the poor and homeless in the Tampa Bay area, and the abuse and neglected children finding safe haven at Joshua House; and

WHEREAS, LAMPlighters will host its Annual LIGHTS, FASHION, HOPE on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at Saks Fifth Avenue, Westshore Plaza, and this yearly fund-raising event will again benefit Metropolitan Ministries and the Joshua House, and will also honor charter member Lila Mulholland for her many years of dedication to the LAMPlighters organization and the Tampa community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to recognize this organization and to publicly express support for their efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2012 as

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in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join me in thanking the members of this organization for their many contributions to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this $1^{\text {st }}$ day of May, 2012.


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