

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the 1Voice Foundation, was established in 2008 to offer aid and support to the families of children affected by childhood cancer and is devoted to easing the challenges relating to the children suffering from cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of 1Voice worked to establish a community-wide event in an effort to raise funding for pediatric cancer research and to bring relief to the families of children diagnosed with cancer related illnesses, and it has resulted in an annual event entitled the "Badge Bowl;" and

**WHEREAS**, this event, held this year on May 5, 2012 at the Tampa Bay Times Forum, pits members of Tampa Fire Rescue and the Tampa Police Department against each other in an exciting flag football game, and the time and talents of Tampa's finest and bravest are volunteered in this annual skirmish with all proceeds being donated to assist the families of those children suffering from cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, through this event, the Taylor Dumke Courage Award was established to recognize the bravery and strength shown by her and other children affected by this disease. This year's award recipient is Avery Ralston; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is proud to join with 1Voice Foundation, the Foundation of Courage and their supporters, and the men and women of our police and fire departments, to kick-off Badge Bowl IX with best wishes in achieving their fund-raising goal.

**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 5, 2012 as

## **"BADGE BOWL IX AWARENESS DAY"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in commending all those involved in this event for their contributions and in recognizing Avery Ralston and his family for representing other children and families in this public awareness campaign.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

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Mayor

*City of*  
**Tampa**  
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