

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession, and the depth and breadth of this profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

**WHEREAS**, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of patients, and the demand for nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology, and explosive growth of home health care services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses in this state, represents nearly 239,000 individuals, and advocates for nurses regardless of nursing specialty or practice setting, and believes nurses are the gateway to a healthier nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Nurses Association, along with the American Nurses Association has declared annually the week of May 6-12 as Nurses Week, and it begins on National Nurses Day, May 6<sup>th</sup> and ends on May 12<sup>th</sup>, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Hillsborough County, Florida, there are over 13,500 registered nurses, and in celebration of Nurses Week, with the theme **Advocating, Leading, Caring**, the Tampa area registered nurses will host a gala event at the Tampa Bay History Center on May 2, 2012 and will honor the many nursing heroes in our community.

**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 6-12, 2012 as

## **“NURSES WEEK”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in celebrating the many accomplishments of the registered nurses in our community, and to show our appreciation, not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

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



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

