

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Joint Communications Support Element was organized December 1, 1961 with 415 Air Force and Army members as the Communications Support Element assigned to the United States Strike Command and to MacDill Air Force Base, Florida; and

WHEREAS, currently with over 1,000 members, the Joint Communications Support Element specializes in sending, on short notice, small teams of communications specialists to support Department of Defense forces around the world; and

WHEREAS, MacDill Air Force Base is the home base for the Joint Communications Support Element, the 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron, Florida National Guard, the Army Reserve Element Joint Communications Support Element, and the operational headquarters for 224th Joint Communications Squadron Georgia National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Communications Support Element has maintained a continuing presence on MacDill Air Force Base since its activation over 50 years ago, and many current, as well as former members reside in the Tampa Bay area, making a positive difference in the community by being actively involved; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Communications Support Element Veterans Association will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Joint Communications during their biennial reunion, and will reflect on the many accomplishments over the years, express appreciation for the many contributions all past and present members have made, and look to the future with continued dedication to serving and protecting the United States of America; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 11th through 17th, 2012 as

“JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT APPRECIATION WEEK”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Joint Communications Support Element for over 50 years of dedication to our community and country, and in recognizing the outstanding contributions and sacrifice made by current and former members of the military in order to defend this nation's welfare and the security of its people.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of June, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor