

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Tampa General Hospital was built as Tampa Municipal Hospital in 1927 and renamed Tampa General in 1956, and the 1,018 bed teaching hospital located on Davis Islands has since made lasting contributions to the citizens of the city of Tampa and the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Tampa General Hospital is home to one of the leading organ transplant centers in the country, providing comprehensive solid organ transplants since 1974, totaling more than 6,000 to date, and has the distinction of performing Florida's first successful heart transplant in 1985; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 4,200 patients in the state of Florida waiting on a transplant list for a new organ, including almost 750 patients at Tampa General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Tampa General Hospital's Transplant program achieved a milestone in 2011 by meeting the needs of 500 patients through solid organ transplants, and appreciates the contributions made by its dedicated physicians and LifeLink of Florida, an organization that works with donor families to procure organs for transplant, and is proud of these partnerships that have helped so many; and

WHEREAS, named by the Organ Procurement and Transplant Network, Tampa General Hospital has recently raised its status from tenth to fourth busiest transplant center out of 258 centers in the United States and is widely recognized for its commitment to helping patients in vital need of organ transplants; and

WHEREAS, The City of Tampa joins Tampa General Hospital in acknowledging the contributions of donors and their families who, in often traumatic circumstances, agree to donate organs to save lives and improve the quality of life of others in need.

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

"TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL TRANSPLANT SERVICES DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and thank those who have, often as a result of tragic events, donated their organs to those in need, and the staff of Tampa General Hospital for their dedication and the important contributions they make to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, on this 6th day June, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

