

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States and this tragic disease is detected in nearly 15,000 of our nation's young people each year; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most precious resource and Tampa, Florida area is fortunate to have many businesses and organizations within our community committed to raising funds to assist in the research and treatment of children afflicted with cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, founded more than fifteen years ago by Steven A. Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and sister organization, Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services and hospital activities to children undergoing cancer treatment at St. Joseph Children's Hospital of Tampa, All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for the children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, through its uniquely sensitive and comforting Magical Caps for Kids program, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection distributes thousands of beautifully hand made caps and decorated baseball caps to children who want to protect their heads following the trauma of chemotherapy, surgery and/or radiation treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Fund and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor nationwide Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is honored to join in efforts by local organizations to assist those affected by this disease and encourages the support and participation of our citizens.

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

## **"CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing and honoring all those involved in the many organizations supporting cancer patients and their families.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor