

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer affects 1 in 71 women of all ages with more than 22,000 American women being diagnosed each year, and approximately 15,000 lives are lost annually to this disease; and

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer ranks fifth among cancer deaths in females and, unfortunately, 75 to 80 percent of ovarian cancer cases are not diagnosed until the advanced stages, and nationwide mortality rates have shown only slight improvements in the past four decades; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we strive for improved funding for research, and promoting the education of women and physicians about the subtle symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, Ovacom USA, Inc., the Ovarian and Gynecologic Cancer Support and Advocacy Group of Tampa Bay, is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, affiliated with the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance and the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Florida and dedicated to saving lives by educating the community about the symptoms of ovarian cancer that is often diagnosed in the later stages; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these goals, Ovacom will be participating in various community events throughout the year to raise funds and build awareness about this disease; and

WHEREAS, “**Turn the Town Teal Day**” on the first Friday of September, this year occurring on September 7th, is an annual nationwide awareness day for residents and businesses to display teal in recognition of this cause; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to join Ovacom and the many sponsors and volunteers who support them in promoting this awareness campaign.

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

“OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to take part in activities which will raise awareness about the symptoms and diagnostic tools available for this disease, and display the color teal on September 7th in recognition of national “**Turn the Town Teal**” awareness day.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of September, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor