

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International was founded on June 7, 1917 by Melvin Jones, a Chicago businessman whose personal code “*You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else*” has inspired the Lions motto “**We Serve**” and became officially an international organization on March 12, 1920 when the first club in Canada was established in Windsor, Ontario; and

WHEREAS, the world’s largest service club organization, Lions Clubs International has in excess of 1.3 million active men and women members in over 45,000 clubs worldwide, representing more than 200 countries, and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International’s primary focus is on raising funds for worthy causes, most notably vision conservation, but also includes youth outreach through scholarships, recreation and mentoring, humanitarian projects globally, environmental issues, and the Lions Clubs plan and participate in a wide variety of service projects that meet the international goals as well as the needs of their local communities; and

WHEREAS, with the mission of **Leadership In a World of Service**, the USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum is held annually to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and the support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International; and

WHEREAS, the 36th Annual USA/CANADA Lions Leadership Forum will be held in Tampa, Florida on September 13-15, 2012 at the Tampa Convention Center and will feature seminars and speakers, including, Mary Feeley, Motivational Speaker and Steven Fulmer, Leadership Speaker.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 13, 2012 as

“USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to welcome USA/CANADA Lions to our community and thank the organization for all they have contributed to enrich the lives others in the Tampa Bay area as well as throughout the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 13th day of September, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

