

# Proclamation



**Bob Buckhorn, Mayor**

**WHEREAS**, World Sight Day is recognized by the World Health Organization and is celebrated globally the second Thursday in the month of October each year, and is dedicated to pledging perfect vision for every individual on earth; and

**WHEREAS**, with approximately 90 percent of blind people living in nations where access to eye care is restricted and knowing that 80 percent of world's blindness can be avoided, blindness and vision impairment issues are considered to be an international public health concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2012 World Sight Day slogan is *The Right To Sight* and the diseases that are receiving attention under the World Sight Day initiative include Cataract, Trachoma, Refractive Error, Low Vision, Glaucoma and Diabetic Retinopathy; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that awareness be raised to educate the public, health organizations and governments about the issues related to vision impairment, the importance of perfect visual acuity (20/20 vision), and rehabilitation and solutions available to restore sight; and

**WHEREAS**, to commemorate World Sight Day, **Transitions Optical**, the leading provider of eyeglass lenses to optical manufacturers worldwide, along with local Tampa Bay volunteers, will attempt to earn the title of "**The World's Largest Photo Mosaic**" in the *Guinness Book of World Records* and will utilize more than 175,000 favorite "sights" photos submitted from individuals throughout the year from around the United States and Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, the unveiling of the 17,000 square foot mosaic held on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at the Florida State Fairgrounds will also include a check presentation by Transitions Optical to Optometry Giving Sight, a non-profit organization, whose mission is to improve the quality of life of people who are needlessly blind or vision impaired simply because they do not have access to an eye examination and a pair of eyeglasses.

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

## **"TAMPA BAY SIGHT DAY"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in expressing appreciation to Transitions Optical in this effort to bring awareness about healthy vision through creating the World's Largest Photo Mosaic.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.



*City of*  
**Tampa**  
Florida

*Bob Buckhorn*  
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Mayor