

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, *Occupational Therapy* (OT) is a profession concerned with promoting health and well-being through engagement in occupation or vocation and is a holistic health care profession that aims to promote health by enabling individuals to perform meaningful and purposeful activities across their lifespan; and

WHEREAS, *Occupational Therapists* are health professionals that use treatments to develop, recover, or maintain the daily living and work skills of their patients with a physical, mental or developmental condition; and

WHEREAS, the process of occupational therapy includes an individualized evaluation to determine goals, customized intervention to improve the person's ability to perform activities, and outcomes evaluation to monitor progression to meet set goals, and is a client-centered practice in which the patient has an integral part in the process; and

WHEREAS, common occupational therapy interventions include helping children with disabilities, assisting people recovering from injury to regain skills, and providing support for older adults experiencing physical and cognitive challenges, and these services are provided throughout the state of Florida through hospitals, home health agencies, schools, clinics, and skilled nursing facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Occupation Therapy Association (FOTA) was established on October 7, 1977 and its mission is to serve as a collective body to support, develop and represent the occupational therapy profession for the advancement of the practice and to better serve the consumer; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Florida Occupation Therapy Association Annual Conference will be held November 2-3, 2012 at the Sheraton Hotel in Tampa, Florida with the theme "**Gear Up**" and features keynote speaker Hector Picard, a nationally renown bi-lateral amputee and triathlon competitor, as well as educational sessions hosted by Nova Southeastern University, networking opportunities, roundtable discussions, and exhibitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 2-3, 2012 as

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in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking occupational therapist for improving the health and well-being of our citizens through their dedicated services.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 29th day of October, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor