

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in 1952 by the late The Reverend James A. Lennard, an evangelist, the **Lighthouse Gospel Mission** was established at Tampa and Fortune Streets in downtown Tampa, Florida to meet the spiritual and physical needs of individuals and families in the community; and

WHEREAS, Lighthouse Gospel Mission provides food, lodging, clothing, chapel services, and counseling to those dependent on alcohol, drugs or other life controlling problems; and

WHEREAS, currently led by Pastors Hank and Alison Furr, Lighthouse Gospel Mission relocated to Riverview, Florida in 1986 and continues the vision of Reverend Lennard in providing for those needing deliverance from addictions and salvation for their souls; and

WHEREAS, through its eighteen-month Christian program, the **Faith Home**, Lighthouse Gospel Mission has helped the homeless, former prisoners, drug addicts, alcohol abusers, and their families return to useful, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2012 Lighthouse Gospel Mission will celebrate six decades of dedicated service to the Tampa Bay area with a banquet held at the Double Tree Hotel, and with the theme **The Experiences** will take the opportunity to reminisce about so many past successes, thank the supporters and volunteers that have made such an impact on the lives of others, and share its vision for the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa applauds Lighthouse Gospel Mission for providing those in need with food, shelter, and programs that make a difference in their lives, and on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary, wishes to recognize Pastors Hank and Alison Furr, staff members, Board of Directors, supporters and volunteers for their commitment to the residents in the Tampa community.

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 9, 2012 as

"LIGHTHOUSE GOSPEL MISSION ANNIVERSARY DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating Lighthouse Gospel Mission on this 60th Anniversary milestone and in thanking all those involved for their dedication to those in need.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 31st day of October, 2012.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

