

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. **Ronald A. Hytoff**, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tampa General Hospital, is one such person; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Ron Hytoff received his Bachelor of Arts from Northeastern University and his Masters of Health Administration degree from Georgia State University, and prior to his illustrious career in the Health Care industry, he served as a United States Army Sergeant with the 172nd Infantry Brigade, Alaska and as a school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ron Hytoff joined the medical administration field as a Mental Health Administrator in Park Forest, Illinois and has assumed leadership positions throughout his career including Senior Vice President of Galesburg Cottage Hospital, Associate Executive Director of Audubon Regional Medical Center, Executive Director of Humana Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, CEO and Executive Director of Wellington Private Hospital in London, England and President and CEO of the University of Louisville Hospital prior to moving to Tampa, Florida and joining Tampa General Hospital in 1997 as Chief Operations Officer; and

WHEREAS, serving as President and CEO of Tampa General Hospital since 2000, Ron Hytoff has been instrumental in elevating the institution to the premier hospital it is today and is credited with the high status it receives nationally. During his tenure Tampa General Hospital has earned the achievement of being named the #1 hospital in Florida by *US News and World Report*, consistently earns the Tampa Bay area's Consumer's Choice Award, and it has grown from a 600 bed hospital to a trauma center of more than 1,000 beds, it is ranked the fourth busiest transplant hospital in the United States and has annual net revenue exceeding \$1 billion. Under his dedicated leadership he has strengthened relationships in the medical community of Tampa, including enhancing the partnership with the University of South Florida's Morsani College of Medicine whereby Tampa General is its major teaching hospital; and

WHEREAS, among his many recognitions, Ron Hytoff was honored by the Institute of Health Administration with the *Professional Achievement Award* for contributions to the health care field and he has also been acknowledged by the *Becker Hospital Review* as one of the *100 Non-Profit Hospital, Health Care System CEOs to Know*. He is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, serves on the visiting faculty of the University of South Florida and the University of Florida, is a member of the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida, Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Tampa Bay Partnership, and Tampa Downtown Partnership; and

WHEREAS, one of Tampa Bay's most well-respected executives, the City of Tampa is honored to congratulate Ron Hytoff on his retirement and thanks him for the many contributions he has made to our community and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 26, 2013 as

“RON HYTOFF DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in wishing him continued success and happiness in his future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 26th day of February, 2013



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor