

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, **Girl Scouts of the United States of America** was founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia, with a second troop formed in Tampa, Florida by Jessamine Flowers, and it was created to provide young girls from age five to seventeen the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. Beginning with just eighteen girls, it has grown to more than three million active girls, with over 59 million alumnae, spanning the world with membership in 145 countries; and

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout slogan is “**To Do a Good Turn Daily**” and throughout its history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women with courage, confidence, and character, and the various programs provided are designed to maximize their abilities and potential, including Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), environmental stewardship, healthy living, financial literacy, and global citizenship that develop solid foundations; and

WHEREAS, through the Girl Scout Leadership Program girls *Discover* their skills, talents, and values, *Connect* with others to develop healthy relationships and learn teamwork and conflict resolving abilities, and *Take Action* in the community to make the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, the **Girl Scout Gold Award** requires girls to make a measurable and sustainable difference in their community by assessing a need, designing a solution, finding the resources and support to make it a reality, and complete the project while inspiring others to sustain it; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, talents, and diversity of volunteers is key to the organization’s success, and in our community, the Girl Scout Program is brought to more than 21,000 girls in grades K-12 annually through Girl Scouts of West Central Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of March 10-16, 2013 as

“GIRL SCOUT WEEK”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in applauding the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the leadership development of America’s girls and wish them continued success in the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 8th day of March, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

