

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS, Peripheral Neuropathy** is a disease resulting from injury to the peripheral nerves, which include the motor, sensory and autonomic nerves connecting the spinal column to muscles, skin, and internal organs; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the most common chronic neurological diseases in the United States affecting over 20 million Americans, neuropathy usually involves the hands and feet, causing weakness, numbness, tingling and pain, and it can progress over many years or it can quickly become severe and debilitating; and

**WHEREAS**, established in 1995, the **Neuropathy Association** is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to provide neuropathy support and education, to advocate for the interests of those with neuropathy, and to promote research into the causes and cures for peripheral neuropathies, and in 2005 it initiated dedicating the third week in May as National Neuropathy Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) and other institutes of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) conduct research related to peripheral neuropathies in laboratories at NIH, and support additional research through grants to major medical institutions across the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, while progress has been made recently in the search to find new treatments that will restrain the disease, alleviate the symptoms, and even cure it in some cases, much more needs to be done, and increased public education and awareness about neuropathy not only helps those who are living with this debilitating illness, but also encourages needed research for more treatment options and cures; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting to recognize the many dedicated health care providers and researchers who assist patients with neuropathy live better lives and who search for more treatments and cures.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 13-17, 2013, as

## **“NEUROPATHY AWARENESS WEEK”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to help support this effort by increasing awareness of this disease and providing support to those suffering with its effects.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

*City of*  
**Tampa**  
Florida