

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, hosted by *Our Heroes Foundation*, the 19th Annual **Our Heroes Luncheon**, held on Thursday, May 23, 2013, will give our residents an opportunity to honor and thank First Responders for their everyday acts of heroism that provide safety and security for our community; and

WHEREAS, represented at this luncheon will be members of the Tampa Police Department, Tampa Fire Rescue, Tampa International Airport Police Department, Florida Highway Patrol, University of South Florida Police Department, Temple Terrace Fire Department, Temple Terrace Police Department, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Plant City Fire Rescue, and Plant City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Our Heroes Luncheon is the largest event of its kind honoring public safety personnel in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this year's event will honor eleven men and women from local law enforcement and fire rescue who will be recognized for their outstanding performance and acts of bravery; and

WHEREAS, eight children of law enforcement will receive the Coy L. Sykes Memorial Scholarship, a 4-year scholarship providing \$2000 each year to apply toward tuition, housing, books, and other essentials, and to date, this scholarship has benefited over 100 children; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to join the organizers, sponsors and volunteers of this event for their hard work in making sure these heroes of our community are recognized and honored.

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 23, 2012 as

"OUR HEROES LUNCHEON DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in paying tribute to all those involved in law enforcement and fire rescue throughout our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 23rd day of May, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

