

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, older Americans, which account for over 14 percent of the total population, provide gifts of wisdom, and these elderly citizens can share their talents, experiences and accomplishments with the younger generation; and

WHEREAS, the youth in our nation can bring to a senior citizen a renewed interest in life and learning, a positive outlook, feelings of love and empowerment, and the socialization can improve an elderly person's health; and

WHEREAS, those youth that interact with the elderly gain enhanced empathy, compassion and social skills, improved academic performance, opportunities to gain knowledge and understanding, and valuable community service experience; and

WHEREAS, both the young and old in our community have experience, ideas, and influence that can make a positive difference locally and globally, and bridging the gap between generations has proven to have many benefits through interaction, appreciation, and sharing with one another; and

WHEREAS, *Our AIM Foundation, Incorporated* established the seven-week **Volunteer Grandkids Program** whereby youth receive advanced training to be a *Volunteer GrandKid* to an adopted *GrandParent*, and they spend time together doing activities, either as a team or with other teams as a group, and one of the activities is preparing a **Memory Book** that highlights the accomplishments and memories of the adopted GrandParent's life; and

WHEREAS, the culmination of the program concludes with GrandKids Graduation, held on June 2, 2013 at Horizon Bay at Hyde Park Assisted Living Facility in Tampa, Florida, and during the celebration, the Memory Books will be presented by the Volunteer GrandKids to the adopted GrandParents during an emotional ceremony.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2013 as

"VOLUNTEER GRANDKIDS PROGRAM DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in appreciating the value each generation brings to our community and in thanking Our Aim Foundation, Inc. for providing this program that benefits so many.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 29th day of May, 2013.



City of
Tampa
Florida

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor