

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, many thousands of veterans of America's armed forces have served this nation in times of both peace and war, and in doing so have thereby assured the safety and prosperity of all Americans, and they courageously defend our ideals and way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate our freedom, we should also remember this as a gift of life given to each of us by the men and women who bravely served their country, and recognize the heroic efforts of the American service men and women; and

**WHEREAS**, as veterans return home from conflicts in defense of freedom, it has become increasingly important to recognize the need to assist them in transitioning back into civilian life; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Disabled American Veterans** (DAV), founded in 1920, is dedicated to empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity, and the organization endeavors to ensure veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits that they have earned and are available to them; and

**WHEREAS**, *Disabled American Veterans Community of Heroes Week* was established to increase awareness of the thousands of individual volunteers, organizations, non-profits, companies, and legislators who play a critical role in assisting veterans during the important transition period after they have returned home, many with the scars and wounds of war; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Tampa area alone, DAV Volunteers gave almost 21,000 hours of service to our nations veterans at James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital and Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, and the City of Tampa is pleased to recognize the commitment and dedication of our local Tampa Community Heroes.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby recognize and commend all American Veterans, and do hereby proclaim June 24-28, 2013 as

## **“DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS COMMUNITY OF HEROES WEEK”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to pay tribute to those who have served our country, thank the Disabled American Veterans and those who volunteer, and become involved with local DAV Chapters in the community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

*City of*  
**Tampa**  
Florida