

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer among African American women and second only to lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer death, and it is estimated there will be more than 27,000 new cases diagnosed in 2013 among African American women across the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, although breast cancer survival for African American women has increased in recent decades, there is much more work to be done to bring awareness and education regarding breast cancer and heighten the importance of breast health; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1994 by Karen Eubanks Jackson, **Sisters Network® Inc.** is the leading voice and only national African American breast cancer survivorship organization in the United States, and it has 40 affiliate survivor run chapters nationwide with a membership of over 3,000; and

WHEREAS, governed by an elected Board of Directors and assisted by an appointed Medical Advisory Committee, the organization's mission is to increase national and local awareness about the devastating impact breast cancer has in the African American community, and its purpose is to save lives and provide a broader scope of knowledge that addresses the breast cancer survivorship crisis; and

WHEREAS, as a leading and trusted resource in the African American breast health and breast cancer awareness movement, Sisters Network® Inc. annually hosts a National African American Breast Cancer Conference Tour that travels to cities across the United States, bringing expert presenters and valuable information to conference attendees; and

WHEREAS, the National African American Breast Cancer Conference Tour, hosted by the Sisters Network Tampa Bay Affiliate Chapter, will stop in Tampa, Florida on Saturday, July 27, 2013 at Hillsborough Community College, Ybor Campus, and the one day conference will highlight *triple negative and advanced breast cancer*, featuring guest speakers Dr. Sylvia Campbell, M.D., and Dr. Heather Han, M.D.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 27, 2013, as

“AFRICAN AMERICAN BREAST CANCER SURVIVORSHIP AWARENESS DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to help support this effort by increasing awareness of this disease, and thank Sisters Network® Inc. for its efforts to save lives and bring awareness to the communities across the nation regarding breast health.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 14th day of June, 2013.



City of
Tampa
Florida

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor