

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children under the age of fifteen in the United States and it is estimated this tragic disease will be detected in approximately 11,630 of our nation's young people this year; and

**WHEREAS**, childhood cancer occurs randomly and affects every ethnic group, socioeconomic class and geographic region, and with an average rate of 36 children and adolescents diagnosed every day in the United States, the rate of increase for youth is second to only those citizens over 65 years of age; and

**WHEREAS**, childhood cancer is made up of a dozen types of cancer, with numerous subtypes, including leukemia accounting for nearly one-third of all pediatric cancers, neuroblastoma, Wilms tumors, brain and nervous system tumors, retinoblastoma, and bone cancers, and these cancers are most often very different than those that affect adults; and

**WHEREAS**, although the causes of pediatric cancers are largely unknown, major treatment advances in recent years have resulted in cures and long-term remissions, and it is estimated that the survival rate has improved to almost eighty percent of the children surviving five years or more; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most precious resource and the Tampa, Florida area is fortunate to have many businesses, organizations and foundations within our community committed to raising awareness and funds to assist in the research and treatment of children afflicted with cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is honored to join in efforts by local organizations to assist those affected by this disease and encourages the support and participation of our citizens.

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

## **“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing and honoring all those involved in the many organizations supporting cancer patients and their families.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

