

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the **Muscular Dystrophy Association** (MDA) and Firefighters throughout the United States of America have been partners in the fight against neuromuscular diseases for almost six decades; and

WHEREAS, Muscular Dystrophy (MD) is a general term for a number of hereditary, progressive degenerative disorders affecting skeletal muscles and often other organ systems, and MDA is the world's leading non-profit health care agency dedicated to finding treatments and cures for MD, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and other neuromuscular diseases, and it accomplishes its goals by funding worldwide research, providing comprehensive health care services and support to families; and

WHEREAS, fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions, requiring physical strength, stamina, extensive training, courage and selfless concern for the welfare of our citizens, and in addition to their daily service to communities, Firefighters in the city of Tampa, throughout the state of Florida and across the United States have joined MDA in the fight against neuromuscular diseases during the annual *Fill the Boot* Campaign; and

WHEREAS, during last year's 2012 *Fill the Boot* Campaign, Florida Firefighters collected \$1,034,305, and the proceeds greatly assisted the Muscular Dystrophy Association in continuing its mission; and

WHEREAS, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is extremely grateful to the men and women of **Tampa Fire Rescue** whose *Fill the Boot* Campaign on September 29, October 13, and November 17, 2013, will assist the organization in providing medical services at local clinics, summer camps, research grants, support groups, and public education seminars at no cost to local children and families; and

WHEREAS, in honor of these efforts the Muscular Dystrophy Association is again sponsoring Firefighter Appreciation Month in September 2013, and it is appropriate for all Tampa citizens to join the MDA in this tribute to our Firefighters.

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

"TAMPA FIRE RESCUE APPRECIATION MONTH"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in commending Tampa Fire Rescue and Firefighters across the nation for their efforts on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and other causes they are involved in throughout the year.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of September, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor