

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, established in 1988, **Tampa Homeowners an Association of Neighborhoods** (THAN) was made possible with contributions from Parke Wright III, and was the City of Tampa's first umbrella group of neighborhood associations, originally with eight founding neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the all-volunteer leaders and member organizations of THAN work with local government on behalf of neighborhoods within the city of Tampa, Florida, and its mission is to advocate for the preservation of neighborhood integrity, assist in controlling growth, and protect the quality of life for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past twenty-five years, THAN has established itself as a strong voice in neighborhood concerns including revitalization, code enforcement, zoning, growth management and planning, transportation, storm water management, tree protection, and the environment, and advocates for issues that affect neighborhoods citywide; and

**WHEREAS**, with a current membership of 26 neighborhood associations, member representatives serve on committees which include monitoring, reviewing and providing input with regard to City of Tampa codes, regulations, services and programs, providing feedback and suggestions thereby enhancing the partnership between the neighborhoods and the City, and the organization has promoted citizen involvement in the various processes of city government and has been involved in many city projects which assisted in making Tampa a more beautiful and livable city, including *Paint Your Heart Out, Tampa!*, of which they were a founding member, and they conduct informative workshops; and

**WHEREAS**, THAN has been instrumental in the installation of neighborhood name signs, stronger code enforcement efforts, infrastructure improvements, lowering of speed limits on residential streets, the fostering of a greater understanding between businesses and neighborhood needs, and has helped to build better communications between neighborhood associations and governmental offices; and

**WHEREAS**, on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, THAN will recognize its **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** and celebrated all that has been accomplished in the development of the city of Tampa neighborhoods.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2013 as

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in the City of Tampa, Florida and encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating the organization on this 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary milestone and thanking all those who have been involved for their many contributions to our city.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor