

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, founded in Nashville, Tennessee in 1917, **Altrusa International** is an international organization of business executives and professionals dedicated to providing community service, developing leadership, and encouraging fellowship; and

**WHEREAS**, Altrusa International, *Leading to a Better Community*, has a membership of more than 11,000 throughout the United States of America and twelve additional countries, and they work together for better communities globally, in the spirit of altruism – to give selflessly; and

WHEREAS, with Literacy as a main focus of Altrusa International, the members worldwide work together with the goal of providing everyone the opportunity to learn to read; and

WHEREAS, the Altrusa International Club of Tampa was founded on December 12, 1953 at the Floridan Hotel in downtown Tampa, Florida with twenty-seven charter members, and for the past sixty years has upheld the objectives of Altrusa International and provided valuable community service to the Tampa Bay area; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of Altrusa International Club of Tampa, true their mission of making their community a better place, has held annual Make a Difference Day literacy projects, volunteered at the Athena House, raised funds for the Judeo Christian Health Clinic, and through the Wilma B. "Billie" Hogan Foundation, has awarded grants to deserving organizations and individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, January 11, 2014, the Altrusa International Club of Tampa will host its *60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Luncheon* at the recently restored Floridan Palace Hotel, where the organization first chartered six decades ago, and will reminisce and reflect on all that has been accomplished since the first charter meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Saturday, January 11, 2014 as

## "ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF TAMPA DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the members for all they have contributed to our community for the past sixty years and wish them continued success in the future.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of January, 2014.



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