

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, people affected by cancer normally face some degree of distress, which may include feelings of sadness, anxiety, hopelessness, powerlessness, uncertainty and depression, and these feelings often impact an individual's thoughts, behavior and how they interact with others; and

WHEREAS, coping with distress is a vital part of successful cancer treatment and having a cancer care team and doctor that provides psychosocial care, which involves aspects of social and psychological behavior, along with medical and oncology care helps the patient and their family members feel safe, and contributes to positive outcomes; and

WHEREAS, those individuals affected by cancer who receive psychosocial care can have improved quality of life and reduced distress, which enhances overall cancer care and survivorship; and

WHEREAS, the **American Psychosocial Oncology Society** (APOS), established in 1986, is the only multidisciplinary professional organization in the United States dedicated to the psychosocial aspects of cancer treatment; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society is advancing the science and practice of psychosocial care for people affected by cancer and its vision is a nation without suffering from unmet psychosocial needs of cancer; and

WHEREAS, with the theme *Implementing Quality Care Standards for Psychosocial Oncology and Supportive Care*, the American Psychosocial Oncology Society will hold its 11th Annual Conference on February 13-15, 2014, at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, Florida, featuring guest presenters and workshops that will explore how to put into everyday practice the science-based standards that provide quality psychosocial cancer care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 13, 2014 as

“AMERICAN PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY SOCIETY DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the dedicated members of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society for their efforts in supporting cancer patients and their families.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5th day of February, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor