

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, too many of the brave men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States of America have given the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom to protect and defend the country they love on behalf of us all; and

WHEREAS, often these fallen patriots leave behind family members that struggle to cope with the loss of their loved one and the difficulties associated with financial burdens, and these losses are especially devastating to the children who will be without their parental figure to help them grow into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, the **Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation** was established in 2002 with the purpose of offering assistance to the children of those that paid the ultimate price for freedom; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation is to provide college scholarships and educational counseling to military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty, covering all branches of the armed forces, and its vision is to ensure that every such child receives all necessary college funding, and since its inception, the organization has committed \$7.5 million to over 400 children of fallen soldiers through funds raised at various events; and

WHEREAS, to bring awareness to the importance of investing in America's future through the support of the children of our country's fallen service members, the Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation has designated May 13th, the day Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia was established in 1864, as *Children of Fallen Patriots Day*; and

WHEREAS, as a well-recognized military friendly city and home to MacDill Air Force Base and the United States Marine Corps Forces Reserve Center, the City of Tampa is proud to join in this awareness campaign that supports the children of our fallen patriots and provides an opportunity to remember the families of those that have made the sacrifice for country and freedom.

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

"CHILDREN OF FALLEN PATRIOTS DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Children of Fallen Patriots volunteers and supporters for their dedication to the families of our nation's fallen heroes.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 8th day of May, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor