

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, **Shriners International** is a world-wide fraternal organization, with the first Temple organized in the United States in 1872, and the Imperial Council, the governing body of the Shriners, officially established on June 6, 1876; and

WHEREAS, Shriners are a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged in ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need, and are bound together by shared values and a desire to have fun, do good, and build relationships that can last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, locally, Egypt Temple was established in Tampa, Florida in June of 1918, and currently has eighteen area Shriner Clubs dedicated to benevolence and helping children and families; and

WHEREAS, well-known for its philanthropic efforts, Shriners International is especially noted for its **Shriners Hospitals for Children**[®] that first opened in 1922, and today has a network of twenty facilities throughout the United States, and one in Canada and one in Mexico, that provide expert medical care to children, including those with orthopaedic needs, pediatric burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate conditions, with no financial obligation to the patients or their families; and

WHEREAS, Shriners Hospitals for Children are pioneers in expert techniques and treatments, and its mission is to provide the highest quality care to children without regard to race, color, creed, sex or sect, disability, national origin or ability to pay, and its vision is to become the best at transforming children's lives by providing exceptional healthcare through innovative research, in a patient and family centered environment; and

WHEREAS, admission based solely on medical need without regard to financial ability, Shriners Hospitals for Children[®] – Tampa, located adjacent to the University of South Florida campus, has treated thousands of children, and has continued to grow and expand in response to the needs of children in our community, providing high quality care; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is very appreciative and supportive of Shriners Hospitals for Children[®] and wishes to take this opportunity to thank them, and the members of Shriners International for their contributions to our community over the years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 6, 2014 as

“SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAY”

in the City of Tampa and urge all citizens to recognize the many charitable services provided by Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children[®].

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 30th day of May, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

