

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, investment strategies and insurance provides protection and financial security for families and businesses, and peace of mind for the future for unforeseen circumstances that may threaten financial stability; and

WHEREAS, residents in Tampa, Florida, and around the nation face many choices which affect their financial well-being, and selecting the appropriate insurance for protection of property, retirement, investments, or to make sure others are provided for in case of illness or death, are important and responsible decisions for heads of households, investors, entrepreneurs, and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1919 by Cornelius Vander Starr in Shanghai, China as a general insurance company and named American Asiatic Underwriters, it became **American International Group, Inc.**, known worldwide as AIG, in the 1960's and was formed as a unifying umbrella organization; and

WHEREAS, AIG is a network of over 64,000 people in more than 130 countries focused on meeting the needs of its clients and customers by delivering products and services tailored to the realities of today's fast-changing global markets including Property Casualty, Life and Retirement, and Mortgage insurance; and

WHEREAS, believing that with the right values and hard work, anything is possible, the mission of AIG is to be the premier provider of protection, investment and income solutions needed for financial and retirement security, and it is committed to giving back to the communities in which they serve, including Tampa, and in 2014, AIG provided more than \$70 million in combined employee donations and AIG matching grants across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company of America (VALIC) is a subsidiary of AIG, and the Tampa-based **Southeast Region of VALIC Financial Advisors** were named the **#1 Region** in the United States in 2014, and the well-deserved recognition and the team's success will be celebrated on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the Hilton Tampa Downtown Hotel.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, February 19, 2015 as

“AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating the Southeast Region of VALIC on its success, and in thanking AIG and those involved for their contributions to the Tampa Bay community, and for their commitment to the financial well-being of our citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 19th day of February, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor