

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 2003, the **Brandon Foundation** supports nonprofit, charitable organizations that serve the residents in the Greater Brandon area and its mission is to enhance the quality of life for those who live, work, play and raise their children in the community; and

WHEREAS, through an annual Grant Program, the Brandon Foundation assists organizations such as those involved in health that supports basic medical needs, human services that aid families, youth, seniors, and the disabled and disadvantaged, and those that serve social needs where the results will benefit the community and society at large; and

WHEREAS, the Brandon Foundation has provided over \$2 million in grants, goods and services since its inception twelve years ago, and with the support of volunteers and sponsors it has continued to fulfill its mission of improving the quality of life and shape the future of the Greater Brandon community; and

WHEREAS, the organization hosts several fundraising events each year to provide funding for its Grant Program including a *Charity Golf Classic & Celebrity Pairings Party*, a *Foundation Spring Coffee*, the *Tampa Bay Wine & Food Festival*, and an *Evening of Hope Annual Dinner & Charity Check Presentation*; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the **Foundation Angel Program** was created to help families that may not need a charity, but need a helping hand because of unforeseen circumstances such as a life-threatening disease, fire, flood, or other crisis situations, and the Brandon Foundation pairs the individuals and families with local business owners such as lawn care companies, restaurants who provide gift certificates, tradesmen including plumbers, roofers, and electricians, babysitting, transportation, and other services that help people during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, the Brandon Foundation will host its annual *Foundation Spring Coffee* on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Bell Shoals Baptist Church in Brandon, Florida, and the proceeds from the event will benefit the Foundation Angel Program.

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, April 18, 2015, as

"BRANDON FOUNDATION DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to thank the Brandon Foundation for its generosity to the community and participate in the events that support the organization's mission.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 18th day of March, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor