

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of women in the United States with the death rate almost doubled in the past thirty-seven years and every five minutes a woman in this country is told she has the disease, yet most Americans are unaware of these statistics; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1904, when it was first established as the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, the **American Lung Association** has led the fight for healthy lungs and healthy air, and its mission is to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease; and

**WHEREAS**, through advocacy and increased awareness, the American Lung Association is committed to saving lives, improving lung health, and preventing lung disease through research, education and advocacy, and it is vital that individuals in the United States become educated about lung health in order to help save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, in Florida and locally in the city of Tampa, the American Lung Association provides critical programs and services designed to reach those affected by lung disease through support programs, and it offers continuing education to update physicians, respiratory therapists, nurses and other health care professionals on the latest techniques and advances in pulmonary medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, the second full week in May has been designated **Women's Lung Health Week** to bring awareness about lung health to women, and with the motto *Join the Force for Lung Health*, the American Lung Association has established **LUNG FORCE**, a national initiative to make cancer in women a public health priority; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of LUNG FORCE is making lung cancer past history, and uniting women to stand together with a collective strength and determination to lead the fight against lung cancer and for optimum lung health.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of May 10-16, 2015 as

## **"WOMEN'S LUNG HEALTH WEEK"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to become educated about lung health and to join me in thanking the dedicated members of the American Lung Association for their efforts and commitment to the well-being of American citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor