

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, a globally well-known Humanitarian, Spiritual Teacher, and Ambassador of Peace, has inspired millions with his teachings, service projects, and focus on the traditions and benefits of yoga and meditation; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is to uplift human values by transforming individuals, which in-turn transforms society and his vision is a stress-free and violence-free society, and he accomplishes his goals with travels around the world sharing his messages, and he has established organizations to carry out the mission and assist in providing solutions to world-wide concerns; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1981 by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, *The Art of Living Foundation* (AOLF) is an international non-profit educational and humanitarian organization and, as one of the largest volunteer-based associations, it is active in over 150 countries, and it focuses on human development, stress management and uplifting human values through service, including participating in major disaster and trauma relief efforts globally; and

WHEREAS, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar established *International Association for Human Values* (IAHV) in 1997, and the organization provides programs for personal and social development, and its mission is to incorporate human values in all aspects of life with the ultimate goal of attaining a more just and sustainable world; and

WHEREAS, The Art of Living Foundation and the International Association for Human Values volunteers have contributed more than one hundred million hours in social and community development programs over the years, impacting millions of individuals and improving their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The Art of Living Center Tampa, with the goal of making Tampa a more peaceful, happy and spiritual city that will set an example for the entire nation, is hosting **Explore Happiness with Sri Sri Ravi Shankar** on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at the A La Carte Event Pavilion in Tampa, Florida, and the event provides the rare opportunity for attendees to meditate and discover secrets to long-lasting happiness in an interactive session with Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.

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, June 18, 2015 as

“A DAY OF HAPPINESS”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in welcoming Sri Sri Ravi Shankar to our city, and in thanking The Art of Living and The International Association for Human Values organizations for their commitment to improving communities around the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of June, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

