

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, celebrating its 80th Anniversary, the **Social Security Act** was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on August 14, 1935, during the Great Depression, a time of worldwide economic collapse; and

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt stated upon signing the Social Security Act, *Today, a hope of many years standing is in large part fulfilled... We have tried to frame a law which will give some measure of protection to the average citizen and to his family against the loss of a job and against poverty-ridden old age*; and

WHEREAS, Social Security is the cornerstone of economic protection for working American men and women, children, those with disabilities and the elderly, and often is the sole income of many receiving Social Security benefits; and

WHEREAS, Social Security is a social insurance program under which workers earn coverage for retirement, survivor and disability benefits by paying Social Security taxes on their earnings, and the program is managed by the United States Social Security Administration; and

WHEREAS, over the years, many improvements have taken place including monthly benefits for the permanently and totally disabled, the addition of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and the Social Security Administration is committed to providing the American public choices for conducting business with the agency through its website offering *my Social Security* which allows people secure access to their personal Social Security Statement, an 800-number telephone service, and the Retirement Estimator for personal financial planning; and

WHEREAS, Social Security has made a positive impact on the lives of the citizens of Tampa and has helped several generations of Floridians maintain a decent standard of living; and

WHEREAS, in Tampa, Florida, the local Social Security Administration offices will celebrate the organization's 80th Anniversary with various events, including a visit to the City of Tampa on August 12, 2015 to present a program on Social Security benefits to City employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 14, 2015 as

“SOCIAL SECURITY ACT DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to celebrate this vital federal program and acknowledge the important role Social Security has played for the past eight decades.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 24th day of July, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor