

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children under the age of fifteen in the United States and it is estimated this tragic disease will be detected in more than 15,000 of our nation's young people this year; and

**WHEREAS**, childhood cancer occurs randomly and affects every ethnic group, socioeconomic class and geographic region, and is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States between infancy and age fifteen, with one in five losing his or her battle with cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, childhood cancer is made up of a dozen types of cancer, with numerous subtypes, including leukemia accounting for nearly one-third of all pediatric cancers, neuroblastoma, Wilms tumors, brain and nervous system tumors, retinoblastoma, and bone cancers, and these cancers are most often very different than those that affect adults; and

**WHEREAS**, although the causes of pediatric cancers are largely unknown, major treatment advances in recent years have resulted in cures and long-term remissions, and it is estimated that the survival rate has improved to almost eighty percent of the children surviving five years or more; and

**WHEREAS**, our children are our most precious resource and the Tampa, Florida area is fortunate to have many businesses, organizations and foundations within our community committed to raising awareness and funds to assist in the research and treatment of children afflicted with cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is honored to join in efforts by dedicated local organizations and those throughout the nation to assist those affected by this disease and encourages the support and participation of our citizens.

**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 month of September 2015 as

## **“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing and honoring all those involved in the many organizations supporting cancer patients and their families.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor