Proclamation

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, **CareFest® USA**, founded in 2001, is a catalytic community service organization that inspires people to "***Bee Caretagious; Making Caring Contagious***" all year long; and

WHEREAS, CareFest® is a one day community service event with the goal of mobilizing local businesses, church communities, and social agencies to work together in meeting the needs Tampa Bay citizens, thereby improving neighborhoods and the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, this 15th Annual CareFest® 2015 event, held on Saturday, September 26, 2015, will be hosted by the non-profit organization **Somebody Cares Tampa Bay** (SCTB), a network of independent, community-based agencies that provide outreach support to area faith-based ministries who assist poverty-stricken families and the working poor; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with CareFest® USA and working with local ministries, Somebody Cares Tampa Bay's mission is to provide the basic necessities of life, and to educate and develop healthy, self-sustaining communities, families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, the goal is achieved through projects that beautify and repair homes, schools, parks and neighborhoods including painting, cleaning, roofing, plumbing, and landscaping and mulching, and last year work was completed with the help of nearly 4,000 volunteers on over 300 projects in 26 Tampa Bay area communities and 43 of those projects were in the city of Tampa which utilized 500 volunteers, and approximately $2 million in donated goods and services were invested for the enhancement of the communities served.

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, September 26, 2015 as

"CAREFEST®— A DAY OF CARING"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking those involved with this service project for their hard work and dedication, and in encouraging others to join in this endeavor that contributes so much to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 8th day of September, 2015.

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Mayor

City of
Tampa
Florida