

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Tampa, Florida, home to MacDill Air Force Base, enjoys a unique relationship with our nation's military and demonstrates its support and appreciation for those servicemen and servicewomen in our community at every opportunity, and recognizes the contributions of military members and civilian employees to our region, country and world; and

WHEREAS, the **Florida Air National Guard's 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron** (290 JCSS) located at MacDill Air Force Base, provides tactical communications systems to support United States national security objectives during time of crisis, war, and natural disaster recovery, and is responsible for operational set up of command and control communications; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment in 1984, the 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron deploys teams of specialist throughout the world to offer voice and data communications, video, radio transmissions and internet that supports joint task force commands including United States Special Operations, Services, Defense, other government agencies and the state of Florida, and has participated in Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, the 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron has been instrumental in the safety of Florida and its citizens when it was activated to assist during times of emergency including Hurricanes Andrew, Opal, Charlie, Francis, Ivan, Jeanne, Dennis, Rita, Ike, Wilma and Katrina; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is extremely proud of the outstanding job its military forces perform locally and worldwide, including the 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron, and is grateful for the gift of freedom our nation enjoys that is ensured and provided by the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve on our behalf; and

WHEREAS, under its Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Matthew L. Giles, the members of the 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron will deploy for a Drill Weekend on the 290th day of year, occurring on Saturday, October 17, 2015.

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, October 17, 2015 as

"290th JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT SQUADRON DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the members of the 290th JCSS for the extraordinary efforts they are make in keeping our nation safe, and showing sincere appreciation for their dedication and sacrifices.

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



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor