

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, violence in the United States of America and around the world continues to be a major social crisis in society and is vital that communities and individuals be educated about violence, and work together on solutions and prevention of violent acts; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety and quality of life of all men, women and children is paramount, and individuals have the right to live their lives violence free, and acts of violence affect people of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s call for non-violence in America over fifty years ago on August 28, 1963 in Washington, D.C., we believe conflicts and disagreements require a peaceful resolution in order to provide a just, safe society; and

**WHEREAS**, acts of violence are devastating for not only the victims, but also for their families and friends, and to prevent future violations of our citizens, it is crucial to foster public awareness of the causes and effects of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to change the violent culture in our nation and around the world, an increase in knowledge, conflict resolution training, mental health resources, parenting skills, and available non-violence resources are essential; and

**WHEREAS**, **Black Women for Positive Change** (BW4PC) is a national civic organization comprised of volunteers whose mission is *Preserving and Strengthening the Middle/Working Class – Changing the Culture of Violence in America, and the World*; and

**WHEREAS**, Black Women for Positive Change is a diverse, multi-cultural, inter-faith network whose members include Good Brothers as active members, and the organization is dedicated to increasing public awareness and ending violence through education, events, videos including On 2<sup>nd</sup> Thought and Red Flags in Domestic Violence, news alerts, policy meetings and networking; and

**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 week of October 17-25, 2015 as

## **“WEEK OF NON-VIOLENCE”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all residents to join me in recognizing this important initiative geared toward creating a community free from violence of all forms, and that strives to live in harmony with others.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor