

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and its citizens. **Chip Carter**, WTVT FOX 13 News Sports Director and Emmy Award recipient, is one such person; and

WHEREAS, born in Worchester, Massachusetts, Chip grew up in Durham, New Hampshire, and as the son of a St. Lawrence University hockey coach, professor and chairman of the Physical Education Department, he played sports in his youth, particularly hockey, and later he attended the University of New Hampshire (UNH) earning a degree in English and Pre-Law; and

WHEREAS, Chip developed his passion for sports reporting during his third year of college when he was asked to provide radio color commentary for the University of New Hampshire's hockey team, and during his senior year he provided play-by-play calling during the school's hockey games, which was the catalyst for his decision to pursue a career in sports journalism; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from the University of New Hampshire, Chip began his stellar career as a Sports Anchor at WSAV-TV in Savannah, Georgia and thereafter he relocated to Knoxville, Tennessee serving as the Sports Anchor for WBIR-TV; and

WHEREAS, Chip made Tampa, Florida home when he joined WTVT FOX-13 in 1988, and his top-notch, enthusiastic coverage made him popular with Tampa Bay area viewers and throughout his twenty-eight years with the station, he became legendary in his commitment to integrity, accuracy and fairness in his reporting of local, national and international sports and events, and as Sports Director, he greeted the viewing public each weekday evenings in the 5:30, 6:00, 10:00 and 11:00 P.M. broadcast time slots, and he also anchored *Tailgate Sunday*, Fox 13's Tampa Bay Buccaneer pre-game and post-game specials; and

WHEREAS, during his almost three decades with FOX 13, Chip covered the arrival of the Tampa Bay Rays, the Tampa Bay Lightning and the University of South Florida Bulls Football, and he provided in-depth coverage of many National Football League (NFL) Super Bowls including the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' successful win in San Diego in 2002, Major League Baseball (MLB) World Series games, National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) competitions, All-Star games, and numerous other sporting events; and

WHEREAS, as one of the most well-known television personalities in the Tampa Bay area and respected by his peers in broadcasting and sports journalism, the media, and with the viewing audience for his professionalism and credibility, the City of Tampa is honored to congratulate Chip Carter on his retirement from WTVT FOX 13 after twenty-eight years and grateful for the many contributions he has made to our community and its 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 Friday, February 26, 2016 as

"CHIP CARTER DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in wishing him continued success and happiness in his future.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor