

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in 1956, the **University of South Florida** (USF) is one of the largest public and global research universities in the United States, and it delivers outstanding internationally recognized programs for undergraduates, graduates, professionals and the greater community; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1962, the University of South Florida Libraries Special Collections Department was established to develop both a research collection in Florida history and a general monographic collection to house rare and special items that were acquired through the USF Library; and

WHEREAS, the USF Libraries Special Collections Department supports the research and teaching missions of the University by acquiring, preserving, and providing access to select and targeted monographs, manuscripts, illustrations, maps, sheet music, photographs, archival materials, printed ephemera, audio and video, images, and texts in selected digital formats, and the collections are available to the university community and the general public; and

WHEREAS, committed to the study of Irish history, the USF Libraries Special Collections added Irish Studies to its collections through the donation of the personal papers and research library of James J. Harkin IV, and the USF Department of History has designed and is offering new courses in Irish History – *Celtic History*, *The Irish in America*, and *Irish History from St. Patrick to 1922*, furthering the enhancement of USF students' global competencies and the mission of the Global Citizens Project; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the **April 27, 1916 Easter Rising in Dublin, Ireland**, USF Libraries is featuring a lecture entitled *America's Fanatic Hearts: The Role of the United States in the Easter Rising* by Matthew Knight, Irish Scholar and Assistant Director of USF Libraries Special Collections, and acknowledgement of the generous donation of the *Irish Studies Collection* from Mr. Harkins on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at USF Library in the Grace Allen Room.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 27, 2016 as

“USF IRISH STUDIES DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens in joining me in thanking the USF Libraries and Department of History for making the rich Irish history available to all citizens in our community through its Irish Studies courses and collection.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 25th day of April, 2016.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

