

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, kidneys are organs that play a vital role in an individual's overall health by removing waste products and drugs from the body, balance the body's fluids, release hormones that regulate blood pressure, produce an active form of Vitamin D that is important to healthy bones, and they control the production of red blood cells; and

WHEREAS, chronic kidney disease is defined as having some type of kidney abnormality for a period of longer than three months, and factors such as diabetes, high blood pressure, inflammation, age and family history can contribute to the development of kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, kidney disease often has no symptoms and may go undetected until in advanced stages, and it is estimated one in three American adults is at risk for kidney disorders with African Americans three times more likely to experience kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, prevention and early detection are the best defense in minimizing risk of kidney disease including early detection with kidney testing, proper nutrition and controlling diabetes, a major risk factor; and

WHEREAS, the *National Kidney Foundation* (NKF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease through education, empowerment, support, advocating, and sharing information, and the organization provides assistance to patients with kidney disease with transportation to and from dialysis, medication and emergency grants; and

WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation annually hosts the **Kidney Walk** in nearly 100 communities across the nation to raise awareness and needed funding for its lifesaving programs that educate and support patients and their families and those at risk, and locally, the Tampa Kidney Walk is held Saturday, October 29, 2016 at Cotanchobee Fort Brooke Park in downtown Tampa, and event includes a Pediatric Kidney Patient Costume Party.

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 29, 2016 as

"TAMPA KIDNEY WALK DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in doing their part in raising awareness about kidney disease and in thanking the National Kidney Foundation for their efforts in education, prevention and in assisting those affected by it.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of October, 2016.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

