

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in the early 1860's and formed as a national organization in 1931, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America have been dedicated to its motto of enabling all young people, especially those who need them most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, for over 150 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of America have provided a safe place for young people to learn and grow, establish ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals, learn life-enhancing skills, and build character development, and throughout its history has created hope and opportunity for millions of youth, many who have benefited our nation and the world as leaders in public service, business, philanthropy, athletics and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Club Code states: "I believe in God and the right to worship according to my own faith and religion; I believe in America and the American way of life...the Constitution and the Bill of Rights; I believe in fair play, honesty and sportsmanship; I believe in my Boys & Girls Club, which stands for these things;" and

WHEREAS, locally, the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay** was established in 1926, and consists of eighteen Clubs and five school-based outreach sites in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties and offers guidance and support for our community's youth through structured programming, engaging activities, and interest based experiences; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 90th Anniversary, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay is dedicated in assisting all young people to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, caring citizens in a safe environment, and by focusing on academic achievement, positive behaviors, healthy attitudes and lifestyles, goal setting and skill enhancement, the organization helps to develop successful, confident individuals and future leaders; and

WHEREAS, the *Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay Great Futures Breakfast* held on December 14, 2016 at the Amalie Arena in Tampa, Florida features keynote speaker Brooke Bennett, Olympic Gold Medalist and a Boys and Girls Clubs of America National Alumni Hall of Fame Member, and this special event will also celebrate the organization's *90th Anniversary*, providing the opportunity to reflect on all that has been accomplished over the past nine decades that has positively impacted the lives of so many.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim December 14, 2016 as

"BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TAMPA BAY DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the organization, volunteers, donors and supporters for all they have contributed to our youth, and in congratulating Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay on this milestone 90th Anniversary.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 14th day of December, 2016.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor