

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the mission of **Civitan International** is to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities, and its motto is *Building Volunteer Leaders in Clubs Around the World*; and

**WHEREAS**, Civitan promotes civic responsibility and volunteerism in the youth of our communities by sponsoring and working with Junior and Campus Civitan Clubs, and by engaging in meaningful and rewarding community projects, Civitan provides for forward-thinking, responsible leadership and growth; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1917, Civitan International has made a difference in neighborhoods around the world and the organization has built public schools, hospitals, parks and it created the Civitan International Research Center in 1989, dedicated to the research, treatment, educational programs, and clinical services devoted to solving the mysteries, disorders and diseases of the brain including intellectual and developmental disabilities in children and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Tampa Metro Civitan Club**, chartered on April 21, 1927 and celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, embodies the ideals of Civitan with members who serve the greater Tampa Bay community by volunteering their time, talent, energy and funding to support Special Olympics, Angels Unaware, the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Christmas program, and Bakas Equestrian Horses for the Handicapped, Jingle Bell Run, group homes for the disabled, and many other year-round projects; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, the Tampa Metro Civitan Club recognizes the contributions of others for extraordinary volunteerism that significantly impacts the Tampa Bay community and the lives of its citizens, and this year the prestigious *Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award* was presented to Derrick Brooks, President of the Tampa Bay Storm and former Tampa Bay Buccaneer Linebacker and 2006 NFL Pro Bowl Most Valuable Player recipient during the Governors' Luncheon at the Florida State Fair.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida to hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017 as

## ***"CIVITAN AWARENESS MONTH"***

in the City of Tampa, and urge all citizens to congratulate Civitan International on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Tampa Metro Civitan Club, celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and thank the organization, its members and volunteers for the many contributions over the years that has positively impacted so many.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2017.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor