

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 1892 by Carrie Hammerly and incorporated in 1898, the **Children's Home Network** was originally named the Children's Home of Tampa, and it was created to provide for the needs of orphaned and abandoned children; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Children's Home Network is to unlock the potential of at-risk children and families by providing compassionate and effective services that create opportunities for success, and its vision is to be recognized as a leader in innovative programs and services in the field of child and family well-being, and as an exemplary model for the governance, management and operation of non-profit entities; and

WHEREAS, for one and a quarter century, the Children's Home Network has been dedicated to its values of **Respect and Dignity** in interactions, **Excellence** in all they do, **Trust** in their word and abilities, and **Compassion and Understanding** within the work performed; and

WHEREAS, celebrating its 125th Anniversary and currently serving nearly 25,000 children and adults annually, the Children's Home Network is located in Tampa, Florida on 88 acres donated by the City of Tampa where residential services are provided including the Kids Village Campus and Adolescents in Motherhood programs, and services are provided at six additional locations throughout central Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Home Network established **Partners in CARES** that allows corporations to support and help fund the organization's Campus Activities, Recreation, and Educational Services Programs with the goal of creating an environment rich in opportunity for the children to experience structured programs that enhances their education and physical well-being; and

WHEREAS, Children's Home Network is hosting a **125th Anniversary Luncheon** on Thursday, May 11, 2017, and the staff, supporters, volunteers and guests will take the opportunity to recognize all that has been accomplished over the years and celebrate the individuals who have benefitted greatly by the organization and all those involved in its mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the Thursday, May 11, 2017 as

"CHILDREN'S HOME NETWORK DAY"

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to extend their congratulations to the Children's Home Network on this milestone anniversary, thank them for all they do for the youth of our region, and wish them continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11th day of May, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

