

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, suicide, the act of intentionally causing one's own death and often a result of despair, is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a family and a community can experience, and is considered a public health issue that does not discriminate by age, gender, ethnicity, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, in the United States of America, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death, and the stigma associated with mental illness and suicide discourages persons at risk from seeking life-saving help, adding further trauma to the lives of the survivors; and

WHEREAS, some warning signs that a person may be suicidal includes a change in behavior or the presence of entirely new behaviors through what they say or do, especially if the new or changed behavior is related to a painful event, loss, or change; and

WHEREAS, **World Suicide Prevention Day** held annually on September 10th was established in 2003 by the International Association for Suicide Prevention and endorsed by the World Health Organization, and the initiative's motto is ***Take a Minute, Change a Life*** brings awareness to a successful suicide prevention action by taking a minute to reach out to someone — a complete stranger or close family member or friend — which can change the course of their life; and

WHEREAS, locally, the **3rd Annual Beer & Bow Ties** event held at The Cuban Club on Friday, August 25, 2017, kicks off World Suicide Prevention Day with the theme ***Every Life is Worth Living*** to bring awareness to the community about suicide and its prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Beer & Bow Ties event focuses on what individuals can do to make a difference and what resources are available, and it features craft beer samples and small plate tastings sponsored by local Tampa breweries and restaurants, and proceeds will benefit the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay to assist in needed funding for education, research and intervention programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 25, 2017 as

“TAMPA SUICIDE PREVENTION & AWARENESS DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to participate in the Beer & Bow Ties event that contributes to the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay's to assist in suicide prevention programs and to recognize that prevention efforts are crucial in deterring the preventable loss of human life and

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12th day of July, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor