

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among children under the age of fifteen in the United States and it is estimated this tragic disease will be detected annually in approximately 13,400 of our nation's young people between birth and nineteen years of age; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer occurs randomly and affects every ethnic group, socioeconomic class and geographic region, and it is the leading cause of death by disease among children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is made up of a dozen types of cancer, with over 100 subtypes, including leukemia accounting for nearly one-third of all pediatric cancers, neuroblastoma, Wilms tumors, brain and nervous system tumors, retinoblastoma, and bone cancers, and these cancers are often very different than those that affect adults; and

WHEREAS, although the causes of pediatric cancers are largely unknown, major treatment advances in recent years have resulted in cures and long-term remissions, and it is estimated that the milestone five year survival rate for children has improved to more than eighty percent; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most precious resource and the Tampa, Florida area is fortunate to have many businesses, organizations and foundations within our community committed to raising awareness and funds to assist in the research and treatment of children afflicted with cancer; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is honored to join in efforts by dedicated local organizations and those throughout the nation to assist those affected by this disease and encourages the support and participation of our citizens.

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 month of September 2017 as

“CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing and honoring all those involved in the many organizations supporting cancer patients and their families.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 7th day of August, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

