

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in Geneva, Switzerland by His Highness the Aga Khan, the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) is a private, not-for-profit, non-denominational, development agency with branches throughout the globe, and it is a part of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), a group of agencies working in health, education, the environment, culture, microfinance, rural development, disaster reduction, promotion of private-sector enterprise and the revitalization of historic cities; and

WHEREAS, the Aga Khan Foundation and the Aga Khan Development Network are grounded in a set of universal ethics including respect for human dignity, compassion and solidarity with the less fortunate, self-reliance, pluralism – tolerance, openness, and understanding toward other people’s cultures, values and faiths, the right to participate and determine local priorities, and service to humanity through volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. (AKF USA) located in Washington, D.C. is an agency of AKDN and committed to the struggle against poverty, hunger, illiteracy and poor health, and it works to address the root causes of poverty by supporting and sharing innovative solutions and utilizing community based approaches to meet basic human needs so that all people have the opportunity to be educated, raise healthy families, earn decent wages, and are provided with optimum living and working environments; and

WHEREAS, AKF USA also serves as a learning institution for program enhancement, policy dialogue, disseminating best practices and knowledge resources, and collaborates in providing technical, financial and capacity building support to other AKDN agencies and programs worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Aga Khan Foundation Walk is an annual event held throughout the United States, including Tampa, Florida, to educate people about global poverty and raise needed funding to support its mission, and this year, the **2017 Aga Khan Foundation Walk – Tampa** is held on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Water Works Park in Tampa Florida, with special recognition for the organization’s **50th Anniversary** and in celebration of all it has accomplished over the years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 22, 2017 as

“AGA KHAN FOUNDATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND 22ND ANNUAL WALK DAY”

and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the organization and members for their support and dedication to the communities globally in which they have made a difference in improving the quality of life of so many, including the Tampa Bay area community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22nd day of October, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

