

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, in its eighth year, **Joy of Giving Tampa**, a Christmas Festival, was founded by the late Pastor Greg Powe, Joe Capitano, Sr., Don Smith, Thaddeus Bullard with the purpose of bringing the community together to benefit local families and children; and

WHEREAS, the Joy of Giving Tampa's mission is to unite the community by providing the most vulnerable children and their families a day of Christmas celebration filled with gifts, fun, food, entertainment, and access to life transforming resources, and this is accomplished through the generosity of local businesses, nonprofits and churches; and

WHEREAS, a multi-organizational co-operative event, the Joy of Giving Tampa celebration recognizes that each child and family member served is made in the image of God and therefore has immeasurable worth and value; and

WHEREAS, with a goal of crossing denominational, demographic, socioeconomic and racial boundaries, the Joy of Giving event is a citywide effort that joins together people, faith groups, businesses, and organizations, and it unifies the community to bring joy and smiles to others, especially the children, and is an *Event that Keeps Giving All Year Long*; and

WHEREAS, presented by World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) Superstar Titus O'Neil (Thaddeus Bullard) and the collaborative group that includes Embracing Legacy, United Way Suncoast, Metropolitan Ministries, and Revealing Truth Ministries, the **2017 Joy of Giving Tampa** is a free event held at Raymond James Stadium on Saturday, December 23, 2017, and the day will uplift and enrich all in attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim December 18-25, 2017 as

“JOY OF GIVING TAMPA WEEK”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking the Joy of Giving Tampa founders, supporters, and volunteers for their efforts and dedication in making sure the approximately 10,000 in attendance have the opportunity to celebrate in this season of giving.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15th day of December, 2017.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor