

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 1775, the United States Navy is the naval warfare service branch of the United States Armed Forces under the United States Department of Defense, and its role includes naval warfare, power projection, nuclear deterrence, and sealift; and

WHEREAS, the world's finest navy, the United States Navy's motto is *Semper Fortis* (Always Courageous) and its mission is maintaining, training and equipping combat-ready Naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression and maintaining freedom of the seas, and the over 325,000 active duty personnel and approximately 100,000 ready reserves units are dedicated to the security and well-being of our nation and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tampa is proud to be known as the home of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) at MacDill Air Force Base, and it is the Unified Combatant Command charged with overseeing the various Special Operations Component Commands of the Navy, Army, Marine Corps, and Air Force of the United States Armed Forces, and the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) is also a valued part of the Tampa community; and

WHEREAS, the Navy Office of Community Outreach (NAVCO) connects Americans with their Navy and oversees community outreach programs designed to bring the United States Navy to cities throughout the country including the annual **Navy Week**, bringing Navy Sailors, equipment and displays to approximately fifteen American cities for a week-long schedule of outreach engagements; and

WHEREAS, Tampa is honored to have been selected as one of the cities to host Navy Week held May 7- 13, 2018, this year coinciding with the Tampa Bay Air Fest, and the festivities include a Kick-Off aboard the American Victory Ship; demonstrations by the United States Navy Blue Angels and the Leap Frogs Parachute Team; Navy Band performances; and opportunities for citizens to become more familiar with the many facets of the Navy through displays, meeting Navy personnel such as Navy Divers, Sailors from the USS Constitution and aboard the USS Florida submarine, and learning about the Navy's new virtual reality simulator.

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 period of May 7-13, 2018 as

“TAMPA NAVY WEEK”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to take note of this observance and join me in expressing profound appreciation to the United States Navy, its leaders, personnel, and veterans for the role they play in protecting our freedom and in celebration of Tampa's longstanding support and close relationship with our nation's Navy.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 7th day of May, 2018.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

