

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has named the month of March as “**Women’s History Month**” in special recognition of the many contributions women have made to our country’s history and heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is proud to join in the nation’s celebration of “Women’s History Month” and the 2019 theme, **Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence** honors women who have shaped America’s history and its future through their tireless commitment to ending discrimination against women and girls, and those who will not be silenced; and

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with the tradition of recognizing excellence and service to the City of Tampa, the **Josephine Howard Stafford Memorial Award** was established to be given annually to a current or former City of Tampa female employee who is a pioneer in her profession or excels in a field or level where women are underrepresented, and who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to her position and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Josephine Howard Stafford Memorial Award for 2019 is presented to **Janice (Jan) Murray McLean**, Senior Assistant City Attorney, City of Tampa, City Attorney’s Office in recognition of her commitment to the City of Tampa and her many efforts on behalf of the citizens of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, a Tampa, Florida native, Jan received her Juris Doctorate from Stetson University, College of Law, and began her career with the City of Tampa in 2006 as an Assistant City Attorney, bringing her vast experience in water resource and environmental laws, and her dedication led to a promotion to Senior Assistant City Attorney, supporting the Public Works and Utilities Departments and legal counsel to the Mayor and City Council. Jan’s expertise in reused and reclaimed water led the way for local governments to create water use policies, including the City of Tampa. Jan is a valued member of several organizations including the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, Florida Water Environmental Association, the Florida League of Cities serving on its Legislative Committee for Utilities and where she receive twice its *Home Rule Hero Award*, and the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association where she was its representative addressing both the Florida Legislature and at the 2017 Legislative Session in Washington, D.C. Self-motivated, Jan is well-respected for her commitment to problem solving, high ethical standards, dependability, and enthusiasm, and she is known for her kindness and willingness to assist and mentor others, her love for animals, service with Meals on Wheels, support of Joshua House, pro bono work for veterans, and adopting elderly citizens during the holidays. Her dedication and commitment to the City of Tampa and the Tampa community make her truly deserving of this honor; and

**WHEREAS**, this honoree is officially recognized on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the **Twenty-Third Annual City of Tampa Women’s History Month Celebration** held at the Tampa Bay History Center featuring keynote speaker The Honorable Arthenia L. Joyner, former Florida Senator and Representative, Attorney, Trailblazer, and Activist.

**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 March 2019 as

## **“WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to pay tribute to Jan Mclean on her selection for this honor, and to observe this month by paying special recognition in their own way to all women who have positively affected their lives.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

