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Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, rapid advances in medicine have encouraged the growth and expansion of the roles and responsibilities of **Health Unit Coordinators**, and they play a vital role in the provision of health care services; and

WHEREAS, Health Unit Coordinators assist with the daily operations of a hospital unit including admitting patients to the unit, ordering laboratory tests, transcribing physician orders, scheduling, and other tasks that help the unit operate effectively, assuring optimal quality of non-direct, non-clinical patient care; and

WHEREAS, through their efforts, Health Unit Coordinators serve as a cohesive link between patients, physicians, nurses, administrators, visitors, and other members of the health care community, and they are an essential part of an efficient health care system; and

WHEREAS, the *National Association of Health Unit Coordinators* (NAHUC) was founded by Myrna LaFleur on August 23, 1980, and is dedicated to promoting unit coordinating as a profession through education and certification, and by compliance with the NAHUC Standards of Practice, Standards of Education, and Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, during the annual recognition of National Health Unit Coordinators Day on August 23, 2013, Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Florida will recognize the Health Unit Coordinators of their organization, paying special tribute to them for their professionalism, dedication and commitment to the well-being of patients and quality health care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 23, 2013 as

"HEALTH UNIT COORDINATORS DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to thank the dedicated Health Unit Coordinators for their commitment to health care and all they do professionally for the citizens of the community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 26th day of July, 2013.

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