

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer affects 1 in 72 women of all ages with approximately 22,240 American women expected to be diagnosed this year and an estimated 14,230 deaths projected, and in 2012, Florida ranked as second in the United States in both new diagnosis and deaths from ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all gynecologic cancers, yet cases are not diagnosed until the advanced stages due to lack of an early detection test and lack of awareness of symptoms among the women and their doctors; and

WHEREAS, with the survival rate for late stage patients at less than thirty percent, and the relative five-year survival rate for all types and stages of the disease at only fifty percent, it is imperative that we strive for improved funding for research, and promoting the education of women and physicians about the subtle symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, **Ovacome Gynecologic Cancer Alliance**, a local non-profit organization and an affiliate of the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance and the Ovarian cancer Alliance of Florida, is dedicated to saving lives by educating the community about the symptoms of ovarian cancer, and strives to promote the survival rate and improve the quality of life for residents afflicted with ovarian and gynecologic cancers; and

WHEREAS, annually, September is nationally recognized as **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month** and the first Friday in September, this year occurring on September 6th is designated as "**Wear Teal Day**" to promote awareness and encourage the community to display the color teal in recognition of this cause; and

WHEREAS, Ovacome Gynecologic Cancer Alliance promotes awareness through community events including its annual **Teal Triumphs over Ovarian Cancer** fundraising banquet and silent auction to be held on September 21, 2013 at the Centre Club in Tampa, Florida, and the City of Tampa is pleased to join the organization, sponsors and volunteers in promoting this awareness campaign.

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 September 2013 as

"OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to take part in activities which will raise awareness about the symptoms and diagnostic tools available for this disease, and display the color teal on September 6th in recognition of national **Wear Teal Day**.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 13th day of August, 2013.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor