

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Holocaust resulted in the deliberate murder of millions of people prior to and during World War II including one third of the Jewish people, along with countless members of other minorities such as Roma and Sinti citizens, ethnic Poles, people with disabilities, homosexuals, and political and religious opponents; and

WHEREAS, reaffirming the United Nation's *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which proclaims that everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth therein, without distinction of any kind, such as race, religion or other status, the United Nations General Assembly designated January 27th as an annual **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and it is a day of global observance. The significance of the date commemorates the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp where more than one million people died, by Soviet troops on January 27, 1945; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Outreach Program, along with the history of the Holocaust, seeks to remind the world of the lessons to be learned in order to help prevent future acts of genocide and offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 theme for International Holocaust Remembrance Day is *Journeys*, and Holocaust survivors and various leaders will make their voices heard, and through exhibits, film, seminars and programs, with every state member of the United Nations honoring the victims of the Nazi era, as well as those that liberated the survivors from the concentration camps, and remind others of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, racism and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, in observance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Consular Corps of Tampa Bay will host a public program at the Italian Club of Tampa in Ybor City, Florida on Sunday, January 26, 2014 that will include a candle-lighting ceremony, reflections and presentations by guest speakers, and music; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 27, 2014 as

“INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida in memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and in honor of the survivors, as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Tampa should strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 26th day of January, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

