

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, it is widely accepted that good oral health contributes to a person's physical and emotional well-being and self-esteem; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Dental Association (FDA), established in 1884, is a statewide professional association representing Florida-licensed dentists, and its mission is to improve the oral health of Florida residents, promote ethical practice standards and help direct the evolution of the practice environment through continuous education and advocacy for the profession and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, with the message that *Dentistry is the Gateway to Good Health*, the Florida Dental Association emphasizes that oral health is directly linked to a person's overall health, and studies show that good oral health often can help prevent health issues such as heart disease, stroke, arterial blockage, bacterial pneumonia, preterm delivery and low birth-weight babies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Dental Association promotes volunteer dental services to the community, and will host its first **Florida Mission of Mercy** (FLAMOM) on March 28-29, 2014, at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the two-day event will feature free dental services provided to 2,000 underserved in the community by approximately 1,200 dedicated dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, laboratory technicians, radiologists, sterilizing personnel, translators, medical nurses, and pharmacist who will generously volunteer their time and expertise.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2014 as

## **“FLORIDA DENTAL ASSOCIATION MISSION OF MERCY DAY”**

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to commend the Florida Dental Association for its commitment to oral health for over a century, and thank them and the many sponsors of the Mission of Mercy event for assisting with the dental needs of the underserved in our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

*City of*  
**Tampa**  
Florida