

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, **LAMPLighters** (Ladies Assisting Metropolitan People) is a benevolent 501C3 organization established in 1986 by dedicated volunteers concerned for the homeless families and children in the Tampa, Florida area; and

WHEREAS, the mission of LAMPLighters is to support organizations serving homeless children and families in need by engaging in activities to improve their health, education, rehabilitation, and by providing opportunities for their spiritual development; and

WHEREAS, each year, the LAMPLighters evaluate the specific needs of displaced families and children in the Tampa Bay community and dedicate its efforts towards meeting those needs; and

WHEREAS, in the past 28 years, the LAMPLighters have donated more than one million dollars and countless volunteer hours to Metropolitan Ministries, serving the poor and homeless in the Tampa Bay area, and the abuse and neglected children finding safe haven at Joshua House; and

WHEREAS, LAMPLighters will host its 6th Annual *LIGHTS*, *FASHION*, *HOPE: A Night on the Boardwalk* on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, and this yearly fund-raising event will again benefit Metropolitan Ministries and the Joshua House, and will feature a fashion show, food tastings, signature cocktails and music; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is pleased to recognize this organization and to publicly express support for their efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2, 2014 as

"LAMPLighters DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to join me in thanking the members of this organization for their many contributions to our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 27th day of March, 2014.



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