

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, women between the ages of fifty and fifty-four are currently the largest segment of the population in the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone have women in their lives that inspire them - mothers, grandmothers, wives, girlfriends, sisters, aunts, friends, and co-workers who deserve to be honored and recognized for their love, dedication, selflessness, hard work, humor, and other important life values; and

**WHEREAS**, women strive with endless desire to balance their home and professional lives, as well as finding leisure time for themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, established in 1998, the **Red Hat Society** encourages women to take some time out for themselves in the pursuit of *Fun, Friendship, Freedom, Fulfillment, and Fitness*, and the organization has grown to 40,000 chapters worldwide, with 50 of those chapters in the Tampa, Florida area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Hat members are dedicated to reshaping the way that women are viewed in today's culture, and they refuse to conform to the old-fashioned image of a woman over fifty in a rocking chair with a shawl over her shoulders, rocking the years away gracefully, or even worse, not at all, and physicians often encourage women to become members of organizations such as the Red Hat Society because of the benefits of social interaction, companionship, and engagement in fun which enhances ones quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, "Red Hatters" can easily be spotted throughout the communities of America as their quest for fun takes them to shops, restaurants, theatres, and sites of public interest in "Full Regalia" which consists of a purple outfit with a red hat for women over the age of fifty, and lavender outfits with a pink hat for women under the age of fifty; and

**WHEREAS**, the West Coast Queen's Council of the Red Hat Society will host a **Sweet Sixteen Birthday Party** at the A La Carte Event Pavilion on Friday, April 25, 2014 in recognition of the organization's 16<sup>th</sup> year.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 25, 2014 as

## "RED HAT DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in wishing the Red Hat Society a Happy Sweet Sixteenth Celebration and continued success.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

