

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, older Americans, which account for 13.7 percent of the total population, are strengthening our communities and the American way of life, and many are remaining in the workforce to support themselves and their families, some embarking on second careers; and

**WHEREAS**, older persons serve as advocates and volunteers in community service roles making a real difference in the daily lives of fellow citizens of all ages, while promoting and strengthening the American spirit of civic participation; and

**WHEREAS**, gifts of wisdom are bestowed by older Americans, and they share their talents, experience and accomplishments with the younger generation and strengthen the bonds between neighbors, creating a better place to live; and

**WHEREAS**, older Americans are owed a debt of gratitude and we must work to ensure they age with dignity, providing home and community-based services, including health promotion, safety measures and preventive care programs that will enable them to live more independent and healthier lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tampa Housing Authority plays a vital role in providing these services for 750 older Americans throughout its housing communities and is committed to assisting them live longer, healthier lives, and will honor its residents and all older citizens in the city of Tampa during the month of May as part of Older American Month; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme for **Older American Month** is "*Safe Today. Healthy Tomorrow.*" signifying that today's older Americans are more productive and active, and it is important that we maintain a safe environment for our seniors, and recognize the value of maintaining optimum health, injury prevention, and safety awareness for older adults to ensure a longer and higher quality of life.

**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 May 2014 as

## **"OLDER AMERICAN MONTH"**

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join me in honoring and recognizing the senior citizens in our community for the many contributions they make, and have made throughout their lives to the progress and success of our city, our state, and our nation.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor

