

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, philanthropy is defined by *love of humanity* and the caring for, nourishing, developing, and enhancing what it is to be human through initiatives for public good, focusing on quality of life, and the generosity of others who have contributed to the growth of the United States of America and have had a profound impact on the success of our society; and

WHEREAS, as indicated by the World Giving Index, the United States was the most charitable country in 2013, demonstrating the selflessness of many Americans who enhance the well-being of others through generous acts that positively affect the greater good of humanity; and

WHEREAS, many organizations such as the *Community Foundation of Tampa Bay* and *Florida NEXT Foundation* endeavor to make an impact in the local philanthropic community through their missions and visions; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay's commitment since 1989 has been to build a better community through growth, vision, and leadership, and to be a leading facilitator of philanthropy and a resourceful leader in making a difference through effective community investing; and

WHEREAS, Florida NEXT Foundation strives to empower young people, entrepreneurs and small businesses so they can drive the innovation needed to enhance Florida's economy and quality of life, and the organization focuses on implementing economic and community development projects; and

WHEREAS, Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Florida NEXT Foundation, along with other Tampa Bay nonprofit organizations are hosting the first **Give Day Tampa Bay** on May 6, 2014, a 24-hour online giving event that will provide opportunities for individual and corporate philanthropy, bolster charitable giving to the area's nonprofit community, and heighten awareness of the region's entire nonprofit sector as part of a larger, nationwide initiative by foundations across the country that encourage local philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, these community foundations across America have hosted annual Give Days to raise millions of dollars for nonprofit organizations in their towns, and by supporting this event in our own city, it provides the opportunity to raise awareness for important and noble causes that will elevate the profile of Tampa, Florida, and demonstrate our commitment to becoming a leading philanthropic community by continuing to show our generous support for those in need and worthy causes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 6, 2014 as

"GIVE DAY TAMPA BAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to participate in Give Day Tampa Bay because a donation, large or small, can make an enormous impact in the lives of others in need.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 23rd day of April, 2014.



City of
Tampa
Florida

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor