

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, founded in 1865 by William Booth, a Methodist Minister, **The Salvation Army** was established to meet the needs of the poor and disadvantaged in the slums of London, England, and the organization today is located in 119 countries around the world, including 9,000 centers in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army is an international movement, and its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination, and the organization responds to disasters around the globe, assisting in times of need; and

WHEREAS, led by a *National Commander* and *National President of Women's Ministries*, the organizational structure includes *Salvation Army Officers* who serve as administrators, teachers, social workers, counselors, youth leaders and musicians, *Salvation Army Soldiers*, who are the local citizens of the communities and who give allegiance to the doctrines and disciplines of the Army, and the *Salvation Army Volunteers*, known as the "the army behind the Army" and play a crucial role in providing social services for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army, with the support of donors, volunteers, and community advocates, has served the needs of the Tampa, Florida community since 1893, providing assistance through programs that include serving the homeless and struggling families with assistance such as utilities, rent, clothing and food, providing shelter at the Red Shield Lodge Emergency Shelter, Hope House, and Hospitality House, and making sure there are toys and food for the needy during the Christmas holidays; and

WHEREAS, the motto of the Salvation Army, *Doing the Most Good*, serves as its promise to the community and those it serves to embody the traits of compassion, passion, bravery, and trustworthiness, and to uplift those in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 12-16, 2014 as

"SALVATION ARMY WEEK"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking all those involved in Salvation Army for all they contribute to our community, our nation, and the world.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 9th day of May, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor

