

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the **Hillsborough Education Foundation** was established in 1988 and the organization's mission is to engage business and community partners in the support of Hillsborough County Public Schools and the academic achievement of all its students; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough Education Foundation's motto is "**Connecting Kids to Greatness**" and its vision is that Hillsborough County will be recognized for its excellent public schools and as a community committed to having every one of its students succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has established a Vision 2020 Strategic Plan seeking to build a stronger future of growth in the number of students impacted by the organization, and will strive to achieve this goal by focusing on Collaboration, Complementation, Connection, and Creation; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, more than \$80 million has been donated to enhance public education through various programs including School Enrichment Grants, Teaching Tools Supply Store, Nature's Classroom and Teaching Excellence Lecture Series, and 88 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to the programs, earning the Foundation the highest, four-star rating from Charity Navigator; and

WHEREAS, the Hillsborough Education Foundation will host its **25th Anniversary Celebration** on Friday, May 16, 2014 at the TPepin's Hospitality Centre with the theme "**Back to the Future**" and will time travel through the past twenty-five years and look ahead to the future, and will take the opportunity to honor its education visionaries and celebrate its students and supporters.

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, May 16, 2014 as

"HILLSBOROUGH EDUCATION FOUNDATION DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to congratulate the Hillsborough Education Foundation on this milestone anniversary and lend their support and seek opportunities to participate with this most worthy organization.

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



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor