

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the month of June is designated as **LGBT Pride Month** and it commemorates the Stonewall Rebellion that occurred during the weekend of June 27-29, 1969 in New York City, New York, that gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) civil rights movement. The month of June also marks a time when all those committed to justice and equality celebrate the notable achievements and outstanding service that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Americans make to our city, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, *LGBT Pride* is defined as the positive stance against discrimination and violence toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people to promote their self-affirmation, dignity, and equality rights, increase their visibility as a social group, build community, and celebrate sexual diversity and gender variance; and

WHEREAS, cities around the globe celebrate LGBT Pride Month with rallies, marches, parades, commemorations, community days, concerts and large festivals, and during this time diversity and the positive impact LGBT individuals have on the world is celebrated, and we are reminded that every generation has brought us closer to true equality, and recent achievements confirm that people never stop striving towards true equality for everyone; and

WHEREAS, individually and collectively, members of Tampa's LGBT community contribute greatly to neighborhood revitalization, economic vitality, arts and culture, and the social fabric of our city, state, and country; and

WHEREAS, ranked as the top big city in the state of Florida in the Municipal Equality Index published by the Human Rights Campaign and one of the first cities in the region to have a domestic partnership registry, the City of Tampa prides itself on its inclusiveness and it protects its residents from discrimination and harassment based on actual or perceived race, color, sex, religion, disability, age, marital status, place of birth, families with children, sexual orientation or national origin, and is committed to continued social progress and the cause of human rights, celebrating the great diversity of our community.

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

“LGBT PRIDE MONTH”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join in ending prejudice everywhere it may exist, respect the rights of all people, and celebrate the diversity and richness of our city.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 14th day of May, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor