

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the gardeners of the United States produce the food which feeds our citizens and they have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth, and they work to preserve our traditional spirit of independence and initiative; and

WHEREAS, gardening instills in people a greater respect and care for our environment and natural resources, thereby furnishing a challenging and productive full or part-time activity for a large number of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa, Florida community is home to many dedicated garden clubs including the *Tampa Garden Club*, established in 1928, and the *Davis Islands Garden Club*, originally organized in 1936 and chartered in 1953, and both organizations are committed to the beautification of our community and are members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the hundreds of garden club members throughout our neighborhoods are devoted to encouraging the growing of flowers, plants and shrubbery in private and public locations, the protection of birds and wildlife, the preservation and conservation of natural resources, the education of their members and the public in gardening, horticulture, and nature studies; and

WHEREAS, with the national theme *Making a World of Difference – Choices Matter*, National Garden Week is celebrated this year June 1-7, 2014, and it brings awareness to the dedication of the gardeners in our communities who work to add beauty, fragrance, and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers, and who advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology.

WHEREAS, in honor of the beauty found in our city as a result of gardeners and their skills, the City of Tampa wishes to join the garden clubs in the Tampa Bay area in this annual celebration of National Garden Week.

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 1-7, 2014 as

“NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK”

in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all residents to join me in thanking the gardeners and garden clubs of Tampa for making our community a more beautiful place to live.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 20th day of May, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor