

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, Florida's seniors are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that they live safe lives, and it is imperative that the elder members of our community be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and important and active members of society; and

WHEREAS, each year, hundreds of thousands of older persons are abused, neglected, and exploited throughout the United States of America, a problem that crosses all demographic boundaries in today's society, including an estimated more than \$2.6 billion loss to elders annually through financial abuse; and

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Day (WEASD) was established on June 15, 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, we are all responsible for building safer communities for our older adults as their welfare is in the best interest of all citizens, and combating abuse will help improve the quality of life for seniors in the Tampa Bay area, across Florida, throughout the nation, and around globe, and will allow them to continue to live as independently as possible, adding to their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Protective Services of the Florida Department of Children and Families, in recognition and support of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, is hosting an event on Friday, June 13, 2014 at the University Area Community Development Center in Tampa, Florida promoting the 2014 worldwide theme "***One Person, One Action, One Nation - United Against Elder Abuse.***"

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 13, 2014 as

"ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida and call upon all citizens to join in this observance by working together to help reduce elder abuse and neglect.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 15th day of May, 2014.



City of
Tampa
Florida

Bob Buckhorn

Mayor