

# Proclamation



*Bob Buckhorn, Mayor*

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 1987, the members of the United Nations General Assembly established June 26<sup>th</sup> as the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking as an expression of its determination to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the mission of an international society free of drug abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, annually, June 26<sup>th</sup> serves as a reminder of the goals agreed to by the Member States of the United Nations General Assembly, reaffirm that illicit drugs continue to pose a threat to health and public safety of our communities, and offers the opportunity to promote awareness globally; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime launches campaigns to raise awareness about the global drug problem with Health as its ongoing theme, and messages such as *Make Health Your 'New High' in Life, Not Drugs*, and *Think Health Not Drugs* help to encourage and empower individuals, especially the youth of the world, to lead healthy, drug-free lifestyles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Foundation for a Drug Free World is a non-profit organization with a worldwide network of volunteers and its mission is empowering youth and adults with information about drugs to enable them to make informed decisions and live drug-free lives, and it accomplishes its goals by distributing educational materials, participating in drug education lectures, and other activities and events that promote drug-free living; and

**WHEREAS**, locally, the Foundation for a Drug-Free World Florida Chapter is participating in the United Nations' International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking to raise awareness for this global initiative through its continued efforts to educate others to live drug-free; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 26, 2014 as

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in the City of Tampa, Florida and urge all citizens to join with me in recognizing the importance of joining the campaign against drug abuse and illicit trafficking, and in encouraging others to lead healthy, drug-free lives.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*  
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Mayor