

Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1989, MORE HEALTH was established to improve the health of children, teens, and adults through interactive health and safety lessons; and

**WHEREAS**, a nonprofit organization, MORE HEALTH receives financial support from community partners to develop effective educational lessons, train high-quality instructors, and deliver the lessons to students Pre-Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and provide health education to adults through professional development opportunities and evening programs for families; and

**WHEREAS**, the objectives of MORE HEALTH lessons are to provide children, teens, and adults with the knowledge and skills that are imperative to improving health, and teaching important lifestyle choices for optimum health; and

WHEREAS, through MORE HEALTH programs, and in partnerships with public school districts and private schools, students learn to set goals, make healthy choices and good decisions, find accurate health and nutritional information, reduce or avoid health risks, and influence others to also make healthy choices; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-five years, MORE HEALTH has been dedicated to educating the Tampa, Florida area on topics that include nutrition, dental, heart and brain health, firearm safety, poison prevention, distracted driving, teen pregnancy prevention, and skin cancer prevention, and they have empowered the community with knowledge that impacts their quality of life, and since its inception, MORE HEALTH has educated over 3 million children; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, the organization will celebrate its *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* during its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Celebrate MORE HEALTH Breakfast at Higgins Hall in Tampa, Florida, and will recognize its *2013 Inaugural Class* and induct community members into its *2014 Ring of Honor* class.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2014 as

## "MORE HEALTH DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in thanking MORE HEALTH and all those involved for their contributions to our community by providing health and safety education.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 19th day of September, 2014.





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