

Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, established in 1993, **National Arts & Humanities Month** (NAHM) was created to encourage Americans to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives, and to begin a lifelong habit of participation; and

WHEREAS, a coast-to-coast collective celebration of culture, National Arts & Humanities Month provides the opportunity every October for Americans to become more familiar with arts and humanities that includes paintings, sculptures, poems, books, drama, song, dance, opera, and more; and

WHEREAS, the history of our nation can be found in its collection of arts and humanities, and those that contribute to it today through their talents will impact our future with new facets, mediums, and works that will be available and admired by future generations, and it will tell the story of our time, views and way of life; and

WHEREAS, arts and humanities speak to each individual whether it be an ancient painting in a museum, an award-winning play on stage, a beautifully written novel, or a biography that shares the thoughts and accomplishments of great American and world leaders, and they uplift us and it allows us to connect with others as we share our appreciation for them; and

WHEREAS, communities across the United States will highlight National Arts & Humanities Month this year with celebrations, events, and programs designed to bring awareness to arts and humanities and how it enriches our lives in so many ways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa and its Arts Program Division recognizes the abundance of creative capital in Tampa including the *Lights on Tampa* program, established in 2006 to welcome new ideas and provide a platform for multi-sensory and memorable experiences for the community and visitors through diverse and interactive programming, and the new *UpLit* project, a call to writers, poets, songwriters and wordsmiths to submit a simple phrase that best describes the Tampa Bay region.

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

“NATIONAL ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and is pleased to join with other cities around the nation in urging our citizens to become involved the celebrations planned and be supportive of arts and humanities during the month of October and throughout the year.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 25th day of September, 2014.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor