

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the number one cause of death globally, and the World Health Organization has confirmed that it accounts for approximately 80 percent of all non-communicable diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, founded on October 18, 1984, *Heartbeat International Foundation, Inc.* (HBIF) was established by Dr. Federico Alfaro, M.D., a Guatemalan physician to save lives globally by providing cardiovascular implantable devices and treatments to the needy people of the world who would otherwise die due to lack of financial means; and

**WHEREAS**, based in Tampa, Florida, the vision of Heartbeat International Foundation is to create a world class charitable foundation with successful global strategic partners, and to expand its mission to include programs in Education, Prevention, and Treatment, and it strives to combat cardiovascular disease worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, Heartbeat International Foundation achieves its goals through the support of a global strategic association, *One Heart Global Cardiovascular Alliance*, made up of individuals, corporations, civic organizations, institutions, industry, and healthcare professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, in its thirtieth year, Heartbeat International saves lives by providing pacemakers, defibrillators, cardiac resynchronization devices and other cardiovascular therapeutic solutions and professional and medical services by doctors and hospitals at no charge to the patient, and since its inception has saved over thirteen thousand lives in fifteen different nations; and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, November 8, 2014, the Heartbeat International organization will celebrate its *30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* during its **Night of Music** event at the Historic Cuban Club of Tampa in Ybor City and the evening will feature greeting friends from around the world, honoring the Henry D. McIntosh Fellows, named for the founding Chairman of Heartbeat International Foundation, and reflecting on all that has been accomplished over the past three decades.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2014 as

## ***“HEARTBEAT INTERNATIONAL DAY”***

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating Heartbeat International on this 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary milestone and thanking all those involved for their contributions to our community and worldwide by saving lives.

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



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor